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by Trevor Bevins

HUNDREDS of low paid Dorset care workers employed by the council social care company, Tricuro, have been given notice.

The company has issued what is known as "dismissal and re-engagement" notices to more than 350 staff who are unhappy about new terms and conditions which amount to a pay cut.

The move has left many in tears and feeling helpless about what they should do.

Those who fail to sign the new contracts will lose their jobs.

Unison says many individuals could find themselves £2,600 a year worse off, mainly because of changes to weekend and bank holiday payments. The average reduction is expected to be £800 a year.

Unison says the company, set up last year by Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole councils, said at the time that there would be no reduction in pay or conditions for staff as a result of the change.

The three councils, which own the company, have declined to comment on the current situation.

Union officer Pete Challis says the latest move has "gone beyond the pale".

"If you received a letter which wants you to voluntarily agree to cut your own terms and conditions, and you've got eight days to agree; and if you don't agree you will lose your job, you would be very frightened - and that's precisely how many staff felt. We had members who were in tears."

He said that Unison is still trying to reach a solution but Tricuro has decided to end the discussions and issue the notices.

"Managers told staff that if they didn't agree to cuts in their pay and conditions they would be sacked…we have no doubt members felt compelled to sign because if they didn't they would lose their jobs."

He said the company sent the letters out less than four hours after ending talks last week.

Tricuro Managing Director Alison Waller had confirmed that the dismissal and re-engagement letters had been sent to around 350 staff who had not already voluntarily accepted the new terms.

She said the company was hoping not to dismiss any staff and was trying to help staff through the process "at this difficult time."

"This is a regrettable position for the company to be in, however, we now need to focus on long term financial sustainability and growth."

Unison claims the company should be around £600,000 a year better off on its wages bill because of the changes.

Workers have until March 9th to accept the new contracts.

The company runs nine care homes, day centres in most of the county's bigger towns, offers a help at home service and employs around 1,600 full and part-time staff looking after around 7,000, mainly elderly, people. It has a budget of around £30million a year.

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60 SECOND INTERVIEW

SARAH Corke is the centre manager at Bridport Youth and Community Centre after moving to Dorset five years ago with her husband and two children, where she now lives in Corscombe.
She grew up in Kent where she worked for NPI, a life and pensions company, at The Judd School as a finance officer then for Kent Police in the criminal justice unit.
She also worked at Burton Bradstock Primary School as a kitchen assistant and a teaching assistant at Loders Primary School before getting an admin job at the Bridport Youth and Community Centre and going on to reach the manger role.



● TELL us a bit about what your job involves...
I absolutely love my job! It involves co-ordinating all of the bookings, liaising with the centre users to make sure they have everything they need and are happy, dealing with the finance side of things, running our Facebook and Twitter, working with the trustees on fundraising, organising and marketing events such as the upcoming Christmas party, co-ordinating building maintenance and repairs, helping the trustees to plan the future of the centre and everything else in between - no day is the same and there's never a dull moment! A lot of my job is talking to people, which is brilliant.

● WHAT groups and activities does the centre offer?
The regular groups we have at the moment are: Harmony, Bridport Amateur Boxing Club, Bridport Musical Theatre, Bridport Young Performers Scholarship and B-Sharp.

Fisherman's Arms use the hall once a week and Charlie Bicknell runs aerial silks classes every Wednesday.

Fizzy Boppers are there on Tuesdays 10am to 11am, which is high energy songs and dancing for nought to five-year-olds and Jelly Beans are there from 9.15am to 11.15am, a really well-attended playgroup for pre-schoolers

Oops Wow Toddler Art group, messy fun for pre-schoolers, which runs one Friday a month; Hearing Voices are in the centre on Fridays from 5.30pm to 6.30pm - a social group for those who experience hearing voices; and Hungry Herbivores - a monthly lunch club where people bring a plate of vegan food to share and meet like-minded people

On top of these groups/activities, we have Bandits running next door on Mondays and Thursdays 7pm to 9pm. Our building is also used as meeting space for local organisations, our lovely big hall can be booked for private parties or events for just £15 per hour, and we also have a fully equipped music studio which can be booked for private use.

We also have a weekly Community Café on Fridays between 10am to 12noon which is an ideal meeting place. We are very family-friendly and affordable - and also offer free wifi and good coffee and cake - just 50 pence.

We are eager to recruit volunteers to help out at the centre with future projects and with the maintenance and decorating. We are also looking for people to support us by joining our 100 club (pay £5 per month for a chance to win £100 every month!) or by making a donation to the centre and becoming a Friend of Bridport Youth & Community Centre.

If anyone would like to find out more about any of our activities, hiring the hall or meeting space or how they can support the Youth & Community Centre please can they contact me on 01308 422500 or email bridportycc@gmail.com.

Please keep up to date with our latest news and events by finding us on Facebook and Twitter @bridportycc

● WHAT events are coming up at the Bridport Youth and Community Centre?
Saturday, December 17th from 2pm to 5pm is our free community Christmas party, with baby and toddler areas, as well as the main children's party and craft table in the hall, presents for the little ones, tea, coffee, soft drinks, mince pies, cakes being sold in our downstairs cafe area and an upstairs chill out zone with Christmas DVDs and popcorn for the teenagers! And Father Christmas will be visiting too! Everyone welcome.

Also on Friday, February 24th from 3pm to 9pm we are hosting Charity Stomp, a community party/dance, to fundraise for the centre. In March we are planning a musical evening and in April a sponsored walk.

● AFTER cuts from Dorset County Council, how important is it that people support the centre for the young people of Bridport and surrounding areas?
Bridport Youth & Community Centre is so important for the young people of Bridport! There are so few affordable places in town for them to go. Our youth club currently runs twice a week (Wednesdays and Fridays 7pm to 9.30pm) and offers the young people of Bridport a warm, safe environment to meet their friends, socialise, try new activities and have access to adult support if they need it. More than 40 young people attend youth club each week so it is a very well used resource and would certainly be missed. And we want to build on that and continue to offer more activities, every day of the week.

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Appeal to find wanted man



SHAUN Lewis

OFFICERS trying to locate a Weymouth man who is wanted for breaching his licence conditions are appealing for help from the public to find him.

Shaun Lewis, who is 24, was serving a three-year sentence for causing grievous bodily harm when he was released from prison on Friday, September 18th 2015.

Shaun has failed to comply with his licence conditions and is now wanted by police for recall to prison.

He is white, five feet nine inches tall, of medium build and has short brown hair and sometimes has a beard.

He is also known to frequent the Bournemouth and Poole areas of Dorset.

Detective Sergeant Paul Auger, of Dorset Police, said: "We have made a number of active enquiries to locate Shaun Lewis since he breached his licence on Friday, October 7th 2016.

"I am now releasing his photo as I am hoping that someone knows where he may be. Anyone who sees Shaun should not approach him but immediately contact Dorset Police."

Anyone with information should call Dorset Police on 101.

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Jobs boost as Aldi comes to Chickerell

CHICKERELL will get a jobs boost with the opening of a new Aldi supermarket next year.

Around 50 posts will be required for the store when it opens at Link Road.

West Dorset District Council planners approved the application last week – giving Chickerell its first supermarket.

The application also had the backing of the town council which questioned whether the planned 1,250 square metre store was big enough.

The application includes an area for a café or restaurant, drinking establishment or hot food takeaway for land to the north of the proposed store.

DJ property owns the site where the store will be built.

Mickey Jones, chief executive of the company described the decision as "really good for the people of Chickerell."

By Trevor Bevins

He said there has been demand for a food store for years.

"It was great to see such support for Aldi's application to open a new store at Link Park, from so many local residents and business owners, but also from the Councillors at West Dorset District Council.

"The application was not only approved by a very large majority, but many councillors spoke passionately about what the store will bring to the residents of Chickerell and West Weymouth.

"Personally, I am delighted and can see the value that an Aldi store will bring to daily lives of the thousands of people working on the Granby Industrial Estate and Link Park.

"The addition of Aldi, will keep Link Park as the number location for business in South Dorset."



PLANS for what the new Aldi store at Chickerell could look like

Second petition to reverse dog beach ban order

DOG owners are continuing their campaign to increase the time that they can exercise their pets on Weymouth beach.

One online petition has now closed – but another has started.

The protestors say the borough council's decision to reduce the time that dogs can walk on the beach is unfair.

But the Borough says that their decision came after a public consultation which resulted in more people wanting to see the restrictions in place, than those who opposed the changes.

The new rules ban dogs from the main beach between Easter and October 31st.

The new petition is available online with paper copies at a number of businesses – including the Pavilion, Lookout Café, the Boot Inn and the Old Rooms.

It will be presented to the full meeting of the borough council on January 19th.

To sign the petition online visit https://epetitions.dorsetforyou.com/list-petitions/

New approach at mental health unit

NEW ways of working have eased tensions at a Weymouth mental health unit.

The Linden Unit, run by Dorset HealthCare at Westhaven Hospital, has become the first locally to complete a programme known as "Safewards".

It comprised of a set of 10 interventions designed to make the facility a safer place and boost morale.

Staff say it has helped to create a "feel good" atmosphere and reduce conflict between staff and patients.

The initiative has proved so successful that a mental health hospital based in the Danish city of Randers sent a team of nurses and psychiatrists to see the benefits first hand.

The Linden Ward is a 15 bed, mixed sex admission and recovery unit for people suffering from various mental health issues.

The Safewards initiative is made up of 10 interventions which include setting mutual expectations, only using "soft" or positive words and mutual help.

The scheme has also seen the introduction of mobile distraction cabinets which contain items such as colouring books, calming putties and beads.

Said Linden Ward Manager Sarah Stuart: "We have been at the forefront of implementing Safewards across Dorset HealthCare since September 2014 and have become the first unit to fulfil all 10 models.

"We were delighted to welcome staff from the Regionspsykiatrien Randers, and they were impressed with how effective Safewards has proved from such a simple concept."

Runa Sturlasson, Chief Psychiatrist of Regionspsykiatrien Randers, said: "The visit has been worth every minute. We have been inspired by the staff and the feel-good atmosphere across the unit.

"It was great to discuss the challenges we face and some of the laws which often hamper mental health back in Denmark, and sometimes prevent us achieving our goals. We are looking forward to sharing our new-found ways of working."

Staff at the Linden Unit have been invited to visit the Danish trust in the new year.

IT'S TOMORROW!

That's the day you can find out about our amended plans for the development and regeneration of St Michael's Trading Estate.

Please come and look at some outline plans and illustrations, hear about the 10-year history of the scheme, and ask as many questions as you like.

Tomorrow (Thursday) is the day; the Bridport Town Council offices in Mountfield, Rax Lane is the place; and 11 am to 6 pm (or later) is the time.

"Our aim is quite simple: to update residents on recent amendments to the scheme, to revisit some of the history of the estate, and clarify the key aims of the development of St Michael's."

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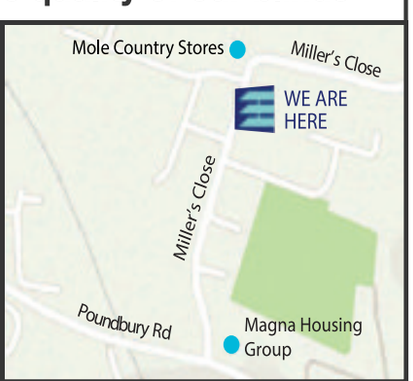
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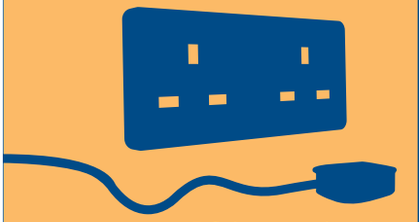
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ASHTON IRELAND
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REBECCA COX
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Litter campaigners' anger at new waste disposal charges

THE decision to charge for disposing of some types of waste at household recycling centres in Dorset could be challenged in the courts.

Anti-litter campaigners say there has already been an increase in fly-tipping around the county since the charges were introduced.

The argument comes over the disposal of DIY waste, which the Dorset Waste Partnership has decided to charge for.

Apart from charges, those using local tips say they are angry at being searched by staff before they can dispose of rubbish – with bags being opened to check whether there are items which can be charged for.

A Department for Communities and Local Government spokesman said: "We're determined to boost recycling and that's why we've brought in legislation to stop councils charging residents for household waste.

"Guidance is clear that should include any household waste from DIY."

"Councils can charge for disposal of construction and demolition waste at HWRCs. However, DIY waste generated by householders should be disposed of without a charge."

Dorset Waste Partnership is currently charging for the disposal of bricks, slates, tiles, rubble, paving slabs, concrete, ceramic toilets, sinks, pedestals and baths and glass from windows and doors.

DWP say they believe that their charging policy complied with the law: "Waste from construction and demolition is not household waste, but industrial waste and so a charge can be imposed. Examples are rubble, concrete, bricks and soil from landscaping.

"In this time of extensive cuts to council funding from central government, modest HRC charges allow us to continue providing an unrestricted service without having to make further reductions and closures elsewhere."

The Department for Communities and Local Government guidance says that only if a professional workman is carrying out the project should there be charges – if the project is undertaken by the householder it should be disposed of without charge.

Christmas bin collections

EXTRA rubbish and recycling will be collected from Dorset homes over the Christmas period.

Dorset Waste Partnership say they will take up to two extra sacks of rubbish, left next to bin, on the first collection after Christmas Day with extra recycling being taken if left in residents' own boxes, with glass kept separate.

But the fortnightly garden waste collections will be suspended over the Christmas and New Year period, from December 24th to January 8th, to allow staff to concentrate on the bigger than normal seasonal rubbish and recycling collections.

Bin collection days will also be different:

Friday, December 23rd - no change; Monday, December 26th - Tuesday, December 27th; Tuesday, December 27th - Wednesday, December 28th; Wednesday, December 28th - Thursday, December 29th; Thursday, December 29th - Friday, December 30th; Friday, December 30th - Saturday, December 31st; Monday, January 2nd - no change.

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Councillor hits out over lack of information on planned changes to local NHS services

By Trevor Bevins and Lottie Welch

WEST Dorset health campaigner Cllr Ros Kayes is calling for an explanation over the failure of the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to present to the public its plans for change in local NHS services.

She says she has "grave disquiet over the failure of the CCG to present its detailed Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) [which sets out how they will address a list of national priorities as well as longer term challenges] to Dorset's Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on November 9th."

The board is largely made up of councillors and meets in public and she says this would have been an opportunity for the ideas to be tested in public.

Cllr Kayes also claims that the CCG is failing in its public duty to openly consult on its proposals to reduce the number of GP surgeries in the area.

She said: "STPs have caused national controversy in recent weeks, facing the accusation of being an underhand way of cutting health service budgets.

'Underhand'

"Once again the CCG is being both underhand and devious in failing in its statutory duty to present the detailed proposals to the relevant local authority scrutiny process. We all know that the devil is in the detail.

"It failed to present detailed proposals for the Primary Care Commissioning Strategy and Plan [which considers how services could be delivered differently to ensure they are sustainable] to the Health Scrutiny Committee at its September meeting and had its knuckles rapped at the November meeting which insisted that it brought the proposals to a Special Meeting on December 21st.

"The STP went to NHS England for approval at the end of October. It must have been in a complete and detailed form then. Why therefore was the document presented at the November 9th meeting only an outline summary?

"This is another case of the CCG trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the elected representatives responsible for scrutinising them. They have questions to answer. They are clearly afraid of real scrutiny of their proposals and of the public reaction to them.

"I call upon the Health and Wellbeing Board to fulfil its function and follow the Health Scrutiny Committee by demanding that the STP in full is brought to a special meeting so that it can be scrutinised properly.

"I will be seeking for disciplinary action to be taken in respect of Dorset CCG's flagrant disrespect for due process."

The Keep Our NHS Public Dorset campaign group have also blasted the CCG for not clearly and briefly spelling out what their proposals are in any one document.

Instead their proposals to save £229million are spread across the STP, the Clinical Services Review [which sets out proposed changes to healthcare in Dorset] and the Primary Care Commissioning Strategy and Plan.

The group is also calling on clarification on whether the STP is an outline summary or an approved document.

A spokesperson said: "We are in a period of consultation over the Clinical Services Review and we hope that all decisions affecting the NHS in Dorset will be taken after this period.

"Closing hospitals and A&E departments is profoundly serious. Asking people in West Dorset to go to Bournemouth instead of Poole in life threatening situations is a matter of real concern.

'Threats to local services'

"We don't believe that the public are significantly aware of these threats to their local services or know whether their councillors support such closures and downgrades. Whilst consultations proceed, it is disconcerting to be told that plans have already been approved, especially if that is not the case."

In response to Keep Our NHS Public Dorset, a spokesperson for the Dorset CCG said: "The Clinical Services Review consultation document – Improving Dorset's Healthcare – clearly and simply sets out our proposals and recommendations for how services in Dorset could change in the face of a number of challenges.

"These include increased demand, staff shortages and a significant funding gap of around £158million within the next few years. The document states what is and isn't part of the review.

"The consultation, which launched on December 1st and runs until February 28th, has been quality assured by the Consultation Institute and has been the subject of rigorous national assurance from NHS England.

"The Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) and the Primary Care Commissioning Strategy and Plan are strategic documents; therefore there is no requirement to consult on them. As we have been clear about, there are no plans to close GP practices and any suggestion that we do is inaccurate.

"We appreciate that the situation is complex and would ask people to visit the consultation website where the proposals and recommendations are explained in a variety of ways to suit the level of detail people require. This includes animations and short films along with more detailed documents. Whatever people's views on our proposals we want to hear them.

"If Keep Our NHS Public Dorset would like to discuss their concerns about the Clinical Services Review, Sustainability and Transformation Plan or the Primary Care Commissioning Strategy and Plan we would welcome the opportunity to meet with them and answer any questions they may have."

Consultation documents are available through GP practices, hospitals or on request by calling 01202 541946 or online at www.dorsetvision.nhs.uk

Friends' gift for school

PUPILS at Greenford Church of England Primary School, Maiden Newton, were presented with the books at a special assembly, also attended by parents and representatives from Friends of Greenford School (FOGS), the school's PTA.

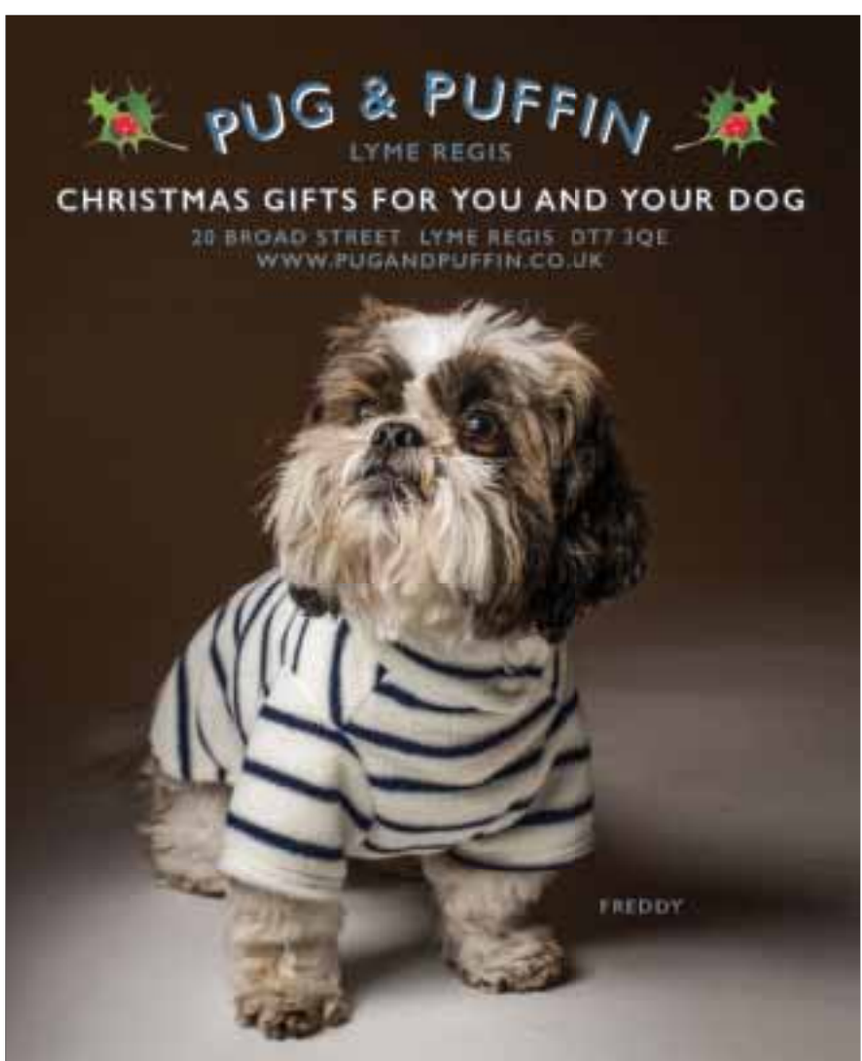
FOGS contributed £2,000 toward the purchase of the books, which was raised through various fundraising events, such as raffles, fairs and school discos.

Kim Jackaman, headteacher at Greenford Church of England Primary School, said: "I'm delighted that the pupils will continue to get the opportunity to improve their reading in such an effective way. We're lucky to have the support of FOGS who, as parents, understand the importance of literacy just as clearly as the teachers and staff of Greenford."



Fletcher Easton, chairman of Friends of Greenford School (FOGS), added: "We're very pleased to be able to contribute towards the purchase of these new books.

"I would like to thank everyone who has made a contribution at our various events and I'm looking forward to seeing what else we can help out with in the future."



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Magna team to take on marathon

WITH less than six months to go till the first Dorchester Marathon, a group of local runners is asking everyone to give them a wave of encouragement if they see them out training for the event around the county town.

The group, who all work at Magna Housing, came together a few months ago and now run together several times a week.

Becky Alford, who is a UK Athletics coach, works for Magna and has the job of training them for the event.

She said: "Most of the team have never done a marathon before, but they are all doing incredibly well.

"We train together during our lunch hour and then at the weekends everyone will do a longer run. They are able to do 10 miles now so I am confident they are on track to complete the marathon in May."

The group is raising money for Weldmar, but they are also raising money individually for charities which are important to them.

Catriona Fountain, head of communication for Magna, has signed up to do the full marathon.

She said: "I started running a few years ago with the NHS couch to 5k programme, but until this summer had never run more than three miles.

"I'm really pleased to be raising money for Weldmar as they do such great work locally, but I'm also running to raise money for a charity which promotes awareness of oesophageal cancer. This is a cancer which is normally late to be detected and is now the fourth highest cancer killer in the UK with around 4,000 deaths each year.

"I have known two colleagues and a close family member die from the disease and I desperately want to help prevent other families suffering in the same way."

Emma Ford also started running again through the couch to 5k programme three years ago.

She said: "I had run before but was out of practice. I enjoy running because it makes me feel good. Plus I like to eat cake and after a good run, I can eat cake and not feel guilty!

"I've chosen British Heart Foundation as my charity because heart disease is common in my family. In August, I lost a close family member, who was only 45, to the disease and my dad is currently waiting for heart surgery."

Gail Pearson has run a marathon as well as a number of half marathons, but she is still really keen to support her home run and raise money for charity.

She said: "I have chosen to run for Macmillan Cancer Support as a close family member was supported by them before they passed away and they were a huge help."

Catriona added: "We support the communities we are based in as part of our work, but now we are asking the community to support us! A wave, or a 'hello' or a toot of your horn will let us know you are supporting our fund raising efforts."

You can also support the team by donating for their chosen charity, Weldmar, at https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MagnaRunners



MAGNA's marathon team

Project launched to transform tunnel

by Harry Walton

EXCITING plans for a giant mural to decorate Weymouth's Wyke Road Tunnel have been given their first public airing.

They were detailed at the annual meeting of the Friends of Rodwell Trail where committee member Paula Klaentschi – who is leading the project – went into what might be done.

Ideas include an amazing image of seabirds flying above giant curling waves which appear to be about to crash down on pedestrians using the tunnel.

She said a fundraising campaign to create the mural had now been officially launched and she added that the tunnel offered "an enormous canvas".

She added that it was important to get fundraising underway as that would pave the way for a competition to design the mural.

Visual artist Peter Sheridan had agreed to help get the winning design on to the tunnel, she said, while the "muscle" for the painting could come from the Prince's Trust.

Paula told the meeting: "It is about seeking funding and grants and, as it firms up and we get the prize money and the judges, we can launch the competition.

"The tunnel is ripe for a really great project. Since it was refurbished we can see it is a most brilliant space, an enormous canvas itching for something good to happen.



PAULA Klaentschi discusses plans for the tunnel at the meeting

"There has been a warm welcome from local art schools to get their media and art students involved with designing the competition launch.

"The tunnel is irresistible. We are looking for increased civic pride and the design could be influenced by anything even the future.

"Competition categories could be under-14, 14-19, over-19 and community groups. Designs must be family friendly and, whether you are passionate about music or cupcakes, your ideas could be a delight to others. We aim to make people smile."

Outgoing chairman Sam Wait said the mural would be "an impressive and very worthy addition to the Rodwell Trail" while new chairman, Claudia Moore, described the trail as "one of Weymouth's treasures" and said: "The mural sounds so exciting and I cannot wait to get started."

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Pints raise pounds for RNLI

ONE of Weymouth's most historic pubs, The Red Lion, has raised more than £600 for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) through the sale of their Lifeboat Bitter.

The cheque was presented to the RNLI during a special evening dedicated to the charity.

The money was raised through the sale of Lifeboat Bitter which is served at the Red Lion.

More than 6,000 pints were sold during the last year and 10p from every pint was donated to the charity.

To mark the occasion members of the RNLI also competed in a "British Bake Off" style competition, that staff members from The Red Lion were asked to judge as part of the celebratory evening.

Tim Bird, owner of Cheshire Cat Pubs and Bars, who own and operate The Red Lion, said: "We think it's crucial to support such a local and worthy cause year in, year out.

"It's always thrilling when we raise more money than the previous year and couldn't think of a better cause for the proceeds to be donated to.

"We always encourage our customers to enjoy a pint of Lifeboat Bitter when they visit the Red Lion, to show their support to the selfless volunteers."



PHIL Hansford, Station mechanic of the Weymouth life boat accepting the cheque for £600 for the Weymouth RNLI at the Red Lion with landlord Brian Mclaughlin

Malcom Wright, lifeboat operations manager, said: "Our volunteers designate their time to the local community's safety at sea and are thrilled to have annual support from such a great local pub. What better way is there to raise money than through a great pint of bitter? All of our volunteers are grateful for every penny raised, as it really does save lives."

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea. The institution is on call 24-hours a day and provides lifeboat search and rescue services around the UK and Ireland, and a seasonal lifeguard service. The RNLI was established in 1824 and since then has saved more than 140,000 lives at sea.

Cheshire Cat Pubs and Bars was established in 2008 by Tim Bird and Mary McLaughlin who now own and operate seven pubs, bars and restaurants across Cheshire and in Dorset.

For more information on the Red Lion or other forthcoming events, visit www.redlionweymouth.co.uk.

A winning window display



A WEYMOUTH town centre food store, which specialises in Dorset food and drink has won the best dressed Christmas window competition.

Chalbury Food & Wine Store in St Mary Street Weymouth say they are delighted to have won.

Beth Aston, Manager of Chalbury Food & Wine store, said: "We are thrilled to have won, we weren't expecting it. We take this win for every Dorset producer who stocks our stores."

The competition was judged by sponsor Cheryl Vickers, Manager of Dorset Lettings, who said: "We loved the Chalbury Food & Wine store window and thought it was very festive. It is great that local produce is at the centre of the display and so readily accessible to all who visit Weymouth, in one shop. Dorset has such a wide variety of quality goods available which needs to be celebrated."

Learn about South Dorset Ridgeway

A COURSE about the Dorset Ridgeway is being run at Kingston Maurward College in the New Year.

The college will be running a series of 20 sessions on from Monday, January 9th, about the natural history of the landscape, its geology, ecological and archaeological characteristics and how important it is for our cultural and historical identity.

The sessions will also look at its historical development and past management and how this has impacted upon our current landscape. There will be archaeological site visits and practical management sessions, including dry stone walling and scrub clearance, as well as walks and talks.

Course Leader, Vikki Gallagher, said: "It is so important to encourage all of our local businesses and inhabitants to acquire knowledge and understanding of the history the South Dorset Ridgeway so that we can enlighten the next generation and the visitors that our businesses depend on - especially when the reason the tourists visit is because of the stunning landscape. These ambassadors will hopefully increase the number of days the visitors stay when they realise how much more there is to see and learn."

This course is aimed at those with an interest in where they live – those working in voluntary organisations, the tourist industry, farmers, parents, teachers or retired people - who want to know more about the area and to inspire the next generation.

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Carols in the Gardens

THE 'Carols in the Gardens' event returns to Dorchester's Borough Gardens tomorrow (Thursday, December 15th) from 6.30pm.

The evening will feature music from the Durnovaria Silver Band and the singing group Encore.

A hot mull will be on sale from the Friends of the Borough Gardens.

The event is supported by the Dorchester Town Council and is free to enter.

County Hall closures

DORSET County Council will be closing parts of County Hall over the Christmas period as a way of saving £500 a day.

The council, which is facing a project end of year overspend of £7million, says that this year they will only be keeping the North and North East wings open along with South and East Annexes.

All staff working at County Hall during the festive period from December 24th to January 2nd, will be asked to use open zones where desks and computers are shared.

Marie Curie collection

VOLUNTEERS from the local group of Marie Curie Cancer will be collecting this Friday, December 16th, at Dorchester Tesco.

Donations support the work of specialist cancer nurses who work throughout the county with hundreds of patients each year.

New novel from former teacher

FOLLOWING the local success of his debut novel *Shillingstone Station*, former teacher Brent Shore, from Tolpuddle, has recently published his second, the story of a lonely man who resolves to do something exceptionally good and genuinely noble with his life.

Bailing Out has a retired police detective as its central character, who has lost his wife in an absurd accident.

In a new job as a minibus driver, he has become involved in the lives of a poor family from a run-down pocket of social housing and here, through a tangle of confused motivations, is his opportunity to make a difference.

The story is told from his hospital bed as he recovers from a brutal attack in a bus depot, and as he revisits incidents from his recent past.

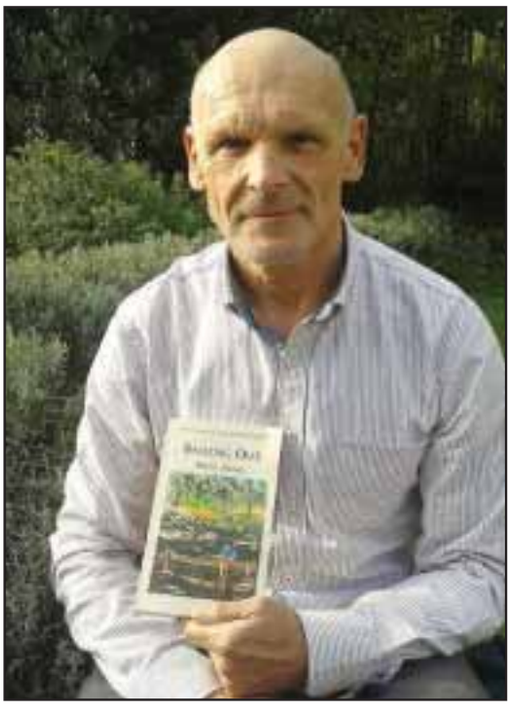
As his memory slowly clears, the police, and the reader, can begin to unravel the mystery of who attacked him and why.

Mr Shore said: "Readers may recognise Dorset in the descriptions of people and places, but unlike *Shillingstone Station*, no real locations are mentioned.

"Characters are disguised and exaggerated to protect the identities of real people I have known.

"The story is definitely a work of fiction, but I have placed it in the reality of 21st century Wessex."

The book is available to buy in local bookshops for £7.99 or at www.brentshore.co.uk



LOCAL author Brent Shore has recently released his second book Bailing Out

Holidays for 'deserving' children

DORSET Freemasons are offering free Jurassic Adventure Holiday for disadvantaged children in the coming year.

During 2017 the Dorset Freemasons will be celebrating 300 years since their first Grand Lodge was formed.

As part of these celebrations lodges in the county have all donated to a fund which aims to send 100 deserving or disadvantaged children from Dorset schools to a five-day holiday at the PGL Centre in Osmngton.

It will be open to those between the ages of 12 and 14 between August 21st – 25th.

Said a Freemason's spokesman: "The selection criteria is 'deserving children' and it is our wish that the students attending are perhaps those that, in the normal course of events, would not be able to afford, or are not able to attend such a holiday if it were offered by a school or other youth organisation.

"We are actively seeking schools or registered organisations with children fitting this profile to apply for these free places ideally in multiples of eight."

Anyone interested in taking advantage of the opportunity or for more information email jurassic@dorset-freemasonry.info.

Carol singers needed

EAGER singers are needed to join the Stratton Strollers for carols around the village.

The group, who will be collecting for charity, are planning to sing on a number of dates – the first being tonight (Wednesday, December 14th).

Other possible dates include December 15th, 18th, 20th, 21st and 22nd.

The volunteers, who need not be available on each of the dates, are being co-ordinated by David Cartwright and Val Cheesman.

"We are particularly keen to invite the younger generation along so any Mums and Dads who could ask their teenage sons and daughters to have a go will be much appreciated," said Mr Cartwright.

Local musician Bernardo is being asked to join the group again this year with his guitar and harmonica. Anyone else wishing to play an instrument is also welcome.

Mr Cartwright can be contacted via email on david@thecartwrightsuk.com or via his mobile 07801 730642.

Choirs collaborate

THREE choirs will be joining together at St George's Church this week at St George's Church, Dorchester.

This Saturday, December 17th at 4pm, will see performances by the Viva! Women's Choir; Heart & Soul Poundbury Singers, and the Skylarks Children's Choir, all directed by Kathie Prince and accompanied by Sue Massey.

The event, for which the doors open at 3.40pm, costs £6, children free.

The proceeds will this year be donated to the Dorset County Hospital Cancer Appeal.

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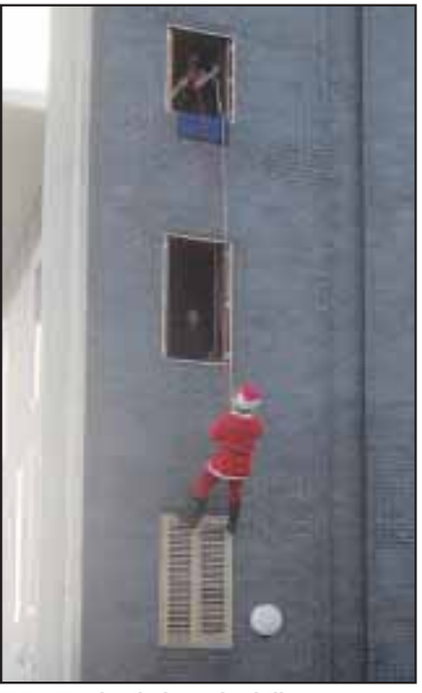
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SANTA abseils down the drill tower to open the Fire Cracker

SANTA abseiled down a 50ft drill tower when he dropped in to open Weymouth Fire Station's first ever Christmas Fire Cracker.

He then went to his grotto to welcome children at the free charity event which raised money for the Fire Fighters Charity, SafeWise and Julia's House Hospice.

Visitors to the event were able to see crews from Weymouth do a live fire demonstration focussing on Christmas safety and a road traffic collision demonstration highlighting the importance of not drinking and driving.

People were also able to enjoy a range of stalls, refreshments and train rides while children dressed up as a firefighters and took part in other fun activities including petting and riding some Christmas donkeys.

Crew manager Adrian Miller, a retained firefighter at Weymouth who organised the event, said: "Our summer open day was so successful that we decided we wanted to do something for the community for the Christmas period and help charities at the same time."

The event was so popular that scores of people queued down the road to get in and sample stalls offering everything from tombola to cakes, hot food, non-alcoholic mulled wine, crafts and a winter wonderland while entertainment provided by Beechcroft and Wyke schools included choirs and majorettes.

There was also the Fire Cracker Raffle with more than 40 top prizes generously supplied by local businesses and supporters including the star prize of a family pass to Weymouth Sea Life Adventure Park.

Adrian said: "We were very pleased at the public support we received for our first ever Fire Cracker because people were queuing outside long before we opened.

"It was all in a good cause and we hope to hold our Fire Cracker again next Christmas."



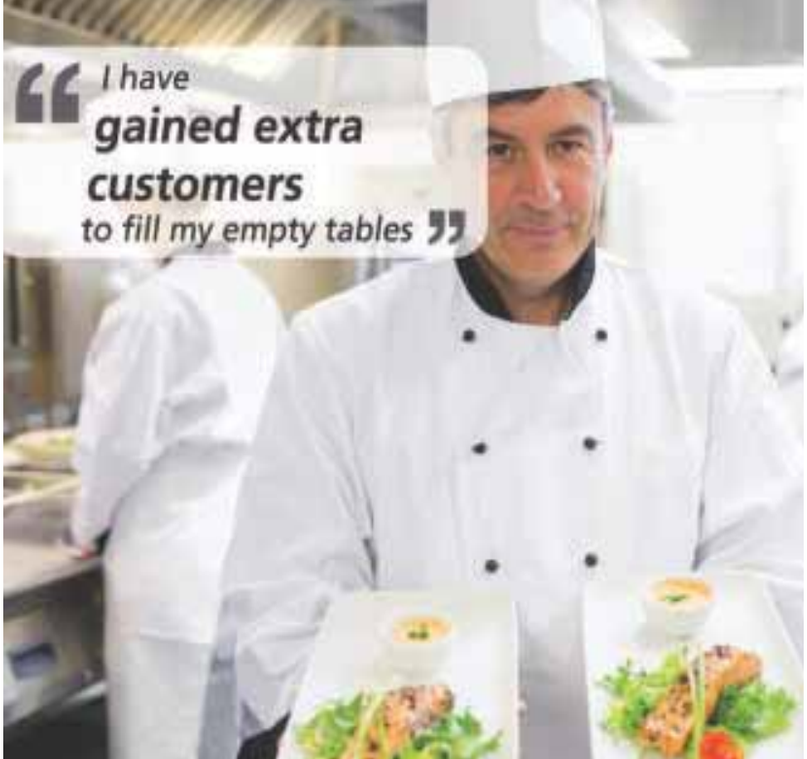
CHRISTMAS princess Molly Gray, four, enjoys a cake



CELEBRATING Christmas are, from the left, Alfie Allan, Kiera Lonsdale, Drew Lonsdale and Tom Sibley

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New routes and marshals to improve next year's Ironman

A NEW cycle route and better marshalling and communication should avoid a repeat of the traffic problems which beset this year's Weymouth Ironman event.

It has been admitted for the first time that two companies, employed to marshal the route, pulled out at the last minute – compounding problems which already existed with missing road closure signs.

Many of those employed to marshall came from outside the area with little local knowledge.

Dorset County Council had failed to make sure the road closures were legal for which it has apologised.

A meeting at County Hall, part of which was held in private, should now result in a plan of action for the 2017 event with a final decision being made by the County Council Cabinet in January.

Race Director Alan Rose has already said that instead of a 100-mile route, the coming event will have a maximum route of 70 miles, which should mean any road closures being lifted by 10.15am.

After the meeting a county council spokesman said: "Moving forward the committee is eager to see strong and effective partnership working, leading to successful events for the benefit and prosperity of Dorset.

"After this morning's useful and informative meeting, hearing views from the county council, Ironman, the police, Dorset Councils Partnership, and members of the public, the committee will report to the cabinet on January 18th with its key conclusions and recommendations."

■ IT has also been announced that Macmillan Cancer Support will again be the official charity partner of the Weymouth Ironman 2017 event.

Organisers say they are hoping to build on the 2016 event, which attracted more than 2,800 entries, making it the largest Ironman event staged in the UK.

More than 300 competitors were inspired to race whilst fundraising for Team Macmillan in 2016 and the charity is hoping to build on that next year too, with even more taking part. The target sum of £140,000 could pay for a Macmillan nurse for almost three years, helping people living with cancer and their families receive essential medical, practical and emotional support.

Starting with a 1.2 mile swim in Weymouth Bay, athletes then embark on a 56 mile loop bike course on fully closed roads.

Back in Weymouth they then embark on the 13.1 mile half marathon run around the town, harbour and seafront.

Kevin Stewart, Managing Director of IRONMAN UK & Ireland said: "It is fantastic to be developing our relationship with Macmillan. We have seen a great response from athletes both wanting to take part in 70.3 Weymouth and support the charity. We very much hope competitors will continue to pledge their support and take part in this 'must do' event on the South Coast."

Lizzie Quill, Triathlon Manager for Macmillan commented: "We are absolutely delighted to be the official charity of IRONMAN 70.3 Weymouth for the second year running. It really is a great opportunity for both experienced triathletes and first timers to get involved and experience this iconic event whilst raising vital funds to support the charity.

We had an incredible response and presence at this year's event, raising significant funds that make a huge difference to those people affected by cancer and look forward to building on this in 2017."

Lifeboat carol service

THIS year's Weymouth RNLI lifeboat carol service will take place on a Tuesday and not a Friday in a break with tradition.

The RNLI local team has said it will be held on Tuesday, December 20th at 7.30pm outside the lifeboat station on Nothe parade.

Music will be provided by The Salvation Army Band with the service conducted by the clergy team from Holy Trinity Church.

Christmas celebrations are underway at town's churches



■ SOME of the Christmas trees at Fordington's St George's Church

■ CHURCHES in Dorchester are inviting residents to join the celebration of Christmas.

St George's Church at Fordington began Advent with the annual Carols on the Green followed by the opening of the Christmas Tree Festival in the church.

The trees grow in number every year and anyone can provide a decorated tree. Although the festival has finished, the trees will remain in the church during the Christmas period.

As usual there will be a number of services taking place over the festive period, including the following: On Sunday, December 18th at 6pm, there will be a community Christmas Carol service at St Mary's Church, Edward Road. There will be a Christmas Eve Crib Service at 4pm and Christmas Day Holy Eucharist will be held at 8am followed by an all age Eucharist at 9.45am.

St Peter's Church on High West Street, will be holding Nine Lessons and Carols at 6pm on Sunday, December 18th. Christmas Eve Midnight Mass will be held at 11.30pm and Christmas Day Eucharist will begin at 10am.

St George's Church, Fordington, will hold Carols by Candlelight on Sunday, December 18th at 4.30pm. And a Christmas Eve Crib Service will be held at 4.30pm followed by Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at 11pm. Christmas Day services will be held at 8am and 10.15am.



Staff dedication honoured

THE long serving staff who received an award for 25-years service at Dorset County Hospital

STAFF received recognition for their hard work and dedication at the 2016 Dorset County Hospital Long Service Awards.

Certificates, medals and pin badges were presented for 25 years' service and over by Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Chairman Mark Addison during a ceremony at Stratton Village Hall.

Mr Addison said: "It was great to see staff from across the hospital gathered together to celebrate the amazing contribution they have made. It is the people who work here who make this hospital the wonderful place it is.

"We are lucky to have so many staff who have dedicated their working lives to our patients and to giving them the treatment, support and care they need."



WEY Valley School students on their recent trip to Cologne

Soaking up culture in Cologne

STUDENTS and staff from the Wey Valley School visited Cologne in Germany for a Christmas Market trip.

More than 40 students visited Germany's fourth largest city for a weekend cultural break, which included visiting the many markets, the world Heritage Cathedral, which was built to house the mortal remains of the three kings who visited the Baby Jesus, and also the famous Lindt Chocolate Factory.

Miss Claridge, Trip organiser said: "It was another successful school trip with many cultural opportunities for our students, sampling local German cuisine and visiting some famous historic landmarks. This was the eighth year that we have taken students to Germany for a market trip. Cologne is a beautiful vibrant city and the cultural experience for our students is a key benefit of this trip.

"The students were excellent ambassadors for the school and were very confident at the markets, taking every opportunity to practice their language skills. We also took to the outside ice rink which was a fantastic experience."



DORCHESTER'S mayor and mayoress have pulled the winning ticket for the annual Wyvern Savings and Loans Christmas draw.

All those who have a Christmas club account with the credit union, and who put aside a minimum of £2 a week, are entered into the draw.

Between them they have saved more than £110,000 and the money was paid out at the end of November.

The winning member, who lives in the Sherborne area, was drawn by Dorchester mayor Tim Harries and mayoress, Anita.



Views sought on GP merger

PATIENTS at two Weymouth GP surgeries are being asked for their views about a merger.

The Wyke Regis Medical Practice and the Lanehouse Surgery have already been working closely together for the past 18 months.

Now the two groups of doctors have decided to formalise the arrangement, becoming one organisation, but continuing to work from both sites.

An information leaflet is available from either surgery with open events being held this Wednesday, December 7th at 7pm at the Wyke Regis Medical Practice and on Thursday, December 8th at 1.30pm in St Edmunds Church, Lanehouse Rocks Road.

Table top sale

PORTLAND Rotary members are planning their Table Top Sale of the New Year in the Community 2000 Hall on Saturday, February 11th.

Poppies on display

MORE than 32,000 hand-made Poppies made at Weymouth's Park Community Centre are now on display at the town's library.

The Poppy figures have been returned to Weymouth after being on display at Bovington Tank Museum over the annual Remembrance period.

Overall it is estimated that they will be seen by at least 100,000 people.

Got a story? Email trevorbevins@gmail.com

Dreaming of a Wyke Christmas



DORSET Wrecks singing sea shanties



OLD photographs from the Wyke Regis Society attracted a lot of attention

THE Square at Wyke Regis was crammed with shoppers as the Wyke Christmas event got underway.

Youngsters from the Infants School sang carols while the Dorset Wrecks entertained with sea shanties.

Santa was in his grotto at the Wyke Regis Social Club while the Memorial Hall was put to good use offering refreshments and space for more stalls – amongst them displays of the area in days gone by from the Wyke Society.

Roads through and leading up to the Square were closed from noon until 4.30pm.

Individual charities and organisations use the event to raise money for their own causes while the event overall collected money for Weldmar Hospicecare.



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GRAND GAMES FOR CHRISTMAS

by Lisa Salmon, Press Association

CHRISTMAS comes but once a year - as does seeing grandchildren for more than half of Britain's grandparents.

Many of the 53% of grandmas and grandpas who only see their grandchildren once a year, or at special events, enjoy that rare meeting at Christmas and, not surprisingly, research suggests nearly two thirds (61%) of them are unhappy with their current level of input with their grandchildren.

"There are many grandparents who only get to see their grandchildren at Christmas, usually due to living many miles, even continents, apart," says Cari Rosen, editor of the social networking site for grandparents, Gransnet.

"We hear from many grandparents who find it heartbreaking that distance keeps them apart from their families for so much of the year, so when you do get the opportunity to be together, don't let the 'what ifs' and regrets ruin it.

"This can pile on even more pressure for everything to be 'perfect' on Christmas Day, so it's important to remember that enjoying your time together is all that matters."

GAME GRANNIES

Although many grandparents would happily spend Christmas time with their grandchildren watching festive TV, going for a walk to burn off Christmas dinner, or simply playing cards or other traditional games, today's kids are more than likely to want to play on their computer, tablet or mobile phone, especially if they got it for Christmas.

But that doesn't mean grandparents are necessarily left out of the picture.

"We have grans who have really got into things like Minecraft by playing or learning with their grandchildren, and our users have shared so many recommendations that we've put the best ones on one handy page," says Rosen.

"The idea that older people can't handle smartphones and tablets is a bit of a generalisation, and by no means always accurate.

"That said, they do love a board game too."

JUST BE TOGETHER

Rosen warns those grandparents looking forward to seeing their grandchildren after a long time apart that they don't have to make Christmas a laugh-a-minute for the kids. Just spending time with them and helping them play with their new toys - if they let you - will be enough.

"We know from Gransnet discussions that Christmas can be fraught, especially if large families are confined to small spaces for long periods," she says.

"The intensity can be multiplied when there are grandchildren who you might not see that often. After all, if it's the only time you get to spend together it all has to be perfect, doesn't it? Well, actually, no."

She points out that quality time with grandchildren, especially little ones, can be messy, noisy and chaotic, and will still be wonderful.

"There are few parents who won't thank you for offering to try out the new toys and games while they get a bit of downtime," she says.

"Then there are new books to read, kits to build - and deciding what to do with a mountain of uneaten turkey can involve everyone - an intergenerational Come Dine With Me turkey fest could be just what you're after."

APPY CHRISTMAS

For grandparents willing to give apps a try with their grandchildren, Gransnet suggests:

Story Patch (iPhone) Allows children to create their own themed tale, paired with a choice of over 800 illustrations. Great for boosting youngsters' creativity, with the help of grandma or grandad.

Drawing with Carl (iPhone) Perfect for an afternoon of creative interaction with your grandchild. All pictures created with the help of this app can be shared between devices so you can treasure them forever.

Zero to Three - Let's Play (iPhone, Android) The app features 'boredom busters' and provides fun ideas categorised by age group. Great for grandparents to use to entertain babies and toddlers. Or try an app from Amazon Underground, a free app store with no in-app purchases.

2 Player Games Collection (Android) Features seven traditional games including Tic Tac Toe, Battleship, chess and Connect 4, which can be played by one or two players on screen or between devices via Bluetooth.

Simon Rising (Android) A classic memory game with 3D graphics and four levels of difficulty and simple controls. Just remember the colour sequence and then repeat it by tapping the right button. Easy fun for all the family.

Mister Maker: Let's Make It! - Design, Draw, Paint, Make and Play (iPhone, Android)

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Chancery House

CHANCERY HOUSE IS CONTINUING TO EVOLVE

CHANCERY House has changed dramatically over recent years and is continuing to evolve to meet changing needs.

The changing demands of the clients together with the rising cost of keeping Chancery House open has led to the centre developing as a day care facility for those with more specialised care needs.

This means that when Chancery re-opens after the Christmas/New Year break (on Tuesday 3 January 2017) it will be primarily as a Day Care Centre for older people with care needs. These needs can include Mobility, Memory, Social Issues and other requirements.

Chancery House is a Secure Unit and as such is suitable for clients with dementia. The Centre's qualified Carers provide a safe, secure, caring and stimulating environment.

Personal bathing is available for those that need help. Transport to and from the Centre is available using a specially adapted minibus, with a driver and escort.

In addition, Chancery House will continue to offer lunches with the option to join in with the afternoon activities. Admission for lunch will be from 11.30am.

Morning Coffee will no longer be available, except for those visiting the hair salon.

Chancery House Day Care Centre is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

We will not be open for coffee on Saturday mornings.

Barbara Vousden, Chair of the Trustees at Chancery House said –

"As the needs of our clients are changing, we at Chancery House have to adapt to their needs. The changes that are about to take place in the New Year are the result of a careful and considered look at the future needs of an ageing local population. We believe that we can meet those needs at Chancery House. As a self-funding charity set-up over forty years ago to benefit the older people of Bridport - we believe that there is still a need for the service we provide – a service which is unique in Bridport".



Barbara added that "The Staff and Trustees are committed to ensuring that Chancery House will continue to serve Bridport – for as long as there is a need. However, the demands of the clients are constantly changing and we have no alternative but to adapt to their needs. We are always in need of local people that share our commitment and if you would like to join the Trustees, please contact us".

For more information contact Julie Hicks, Chancery House Day Care Centre Administrator. 01308-424357 extn 2 or email bridport424@btconnect.com

DAY CARE IN THE HEART OF BRIDPORT

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THINK DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

The festive season is now upon us and with it comes work nights out and an opportunity to catch up with friends and family. But for all too many, it's tempting to ruin the celebrations by driving home after a couple of drinks.

IN THE last 50 years road casualties caused by drink driving have fallen dramatically, but in 2014, there were still 240 deaths due to drink driving – accounting for 14% of all road fatalities. By drinking and driving, you risk your life, those of your passengers and others on the road.

Any amount of alcohol affects your ability to drive.

THE LAW

There are strict alcohol limits for UK drivers: In England, Wales and Northern Ireland, the legal alcohol limit for drivers is:

- 35 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath
- 80 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood
- 107 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine

In Scotland (from 5 December 2014) the legal alcohol limit for drivers is lower at:

- 22 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath
- 50 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood
- 67 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine.

However it is not possible to say how much alcohol you can drink and stay below the limit. The way alcohol affects you depends on:

- your weight, age, sex and metabolism (the rate your body uses energy)
- the type and amount of alcohol you're drinking
- what you've eaten recently
- your stress levels at the time

So if you're driving, it's better to have none for the road.



DRINK DRIVING

- Don't drink and drive, the only safe limit is none.
- You can still be over the limit the morning after.
- Drink and drug driving does cost lives.
- Get caught drink driving and you will be treated like any other criminal.
- A drink driving conviction will stay on your licence for 11 years.
- Program a phone number for a licensed taxi company into your mobile phone before you go out.
- If you are caught drink driving you will be required to attend court where you could face a fine, be banned from driving or imprisoned.

THE CONSEQUENCES

There are strict penalties - if you are convicted of drink driving, including:

- A minimum 12 month driving ban
- A criminal record
- A hefty fine
- An endorsement on your license for 11 years

However, this list does not reflect the everyday consequences of being caught drink driving which can include:

- Increase in car insurance costs
- Job loss
- Trouble getting in to countries like the USA
- The shame of having a criminal record
- Loss of independence

The Institute of Advanced Motorists calculate that a drink drive conviction could cost between £20,000 - £50,000 as a result of fines, solicitors fees, increase in car insurance and loss of job.

YOU DRINK
YOU DRIVE
YOU LOSE

THINK! Advice

Beware the morning after

You could be over the legal limit many hours after your last drink, even if it's the 'morning after'. Sleep, coffee and cold showers don't help to sober you up - time is the only way to get alcohol out of your system.

There is no excuse for drink driving

"I can handle my drink."

Alcohol affects everybody's driving for the worse. It creates a feeling of overconfidence, makes judging distance and speed more difficult and slows your reactions so it takes longer to stop

"I'm only going down the road."

A large proportion of all drink drive crashes occur within three miles of the start of the journey.

If you're planning to drink alcohol, plan how to get home without driving

Options include agreeing on a designated driver, saving a taxi number to your phone, or finding out about public transport routes and times before you go out.

Don't offer an alcoholic drink to someone you know is planning to drive

Even if you're not driving, you can help reduce the number of people who are killed and injured every year by drink driving.

Don't accept a lift from a driver you know has drunk alcohol

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

THIS week's Growing Old Disgracefully spot considers the importance of remembering the elderly at Christmas.

Many will have lost relatives or friends and find their circle of acquaintances growing smaller and smaller, so family has never been more important particularly at such a time of year.

Make sure the elderly in your family are not forgotten but are invited round for the traditional Christmas meal of turkey, pudding and a glass of bubbly.

After all, putting such a feast on the table creates a mountain of washing up and elderly people are the ideal washing up device because they don't moan at lending a helping hand like your children do but just get on with the job.

That will leave you to relax and fall asleep in the armchair for as long as it takes for your elderly person to wake you up and ask: "What did you ask me to do in the kitchen..."

Spoilt for choice for fast food

ARE you peckish on the pavement or do you fancy a snack on the street?

Well if you do then Weymouth and Portland is officially one of the worst places to be in the entire country for having fast food temptation put in your way.

It ranks fifth in Great Britain for the highest number of fast food outlets per head of the population with an overweight 100 outlets per 100,000 people according to Public Health England. The figures were published to highlight obesity concerns and how so many "snack" sites make it difficult for children to avoid slipping in to obesity which is now at crisis levels nationally.

PHE say more than one in five adults and children eat a takeaway meal at home at least once a week with more than one in three children overweight or obese by the time they leave primary school.

That's an awful lot of chips, fat or sugar being converted into jelly bellies and fast food meals aren't even particularly cheap.

Decent home-cooked meals are a lot cheaper to produce but, like a proper amount of exercise each day, they require effort to make and people are notoriously lazy. So they opt for the fast meal fast food solution and you can see the heavyweight results lumbering along every street in Weymouth and Portland. No wonder the NHS is struggling to cope with illnesses and diseases in overweight people. Physician heal thyself and people should give a lot more thought to their eating lifestyle.

The latest in a long line of dangerous incidents

SOMEONE is going to be killed or seriously injured soon unless authorities take another look at Weymouth's Swannery Bridge junction with Abbotsbury Road.

The incident in question was just the latest in a string of near misses, incidents not just on show every day but available for anyone to watch every hour.

It is all about driver frustration, the huge amounts of time wasted by these useless traffic lights and the desperate – and illegal – lengths drivers are prepared to go to in their efforts to squeeze across before those lights turn red.

Unfortunately many drivers are just not making it in time and produce incidents such as the latest one I witnessed where a white 4x4 had only just come on to the junction at speed from Westwey Road when two lanes of traffic rumbled forward towards Swannery Bridge from Abbotsbury Road. Miraculously the 4x4 somehow missed a number of vehicles.

Two points here. Firstly there can be no question the driver broke the law on "red" because he hadn't actually got more than a yard or two on to the junction when the Abbotsbury Road traffic began to move on "green".

But secondly – and much more dangerously – he committed to this manoeuvre at speed. I'd estimate he was doing close to 50mph. The limit here is only 30mph.

It means he knew he was borderline and deliberately speeded up to try and beat the lights to avoid another mind-numbing wait for them to change.

Police have warned that this traffic light system is generating "a Grand Prix mentality" with people roaring away when lights go green yet also speeding up when lights go amber as they approach. Someone may have to die to change things.

Merry Christmas!

ONE of my favourite Christmas carols is *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*, but some seasonal shoppers have been getting a bit too merry!

Recent sights have included one inebriated gentleman getting his legs tangled in half a dozen rolls of Christmas wrapping paper because he was trying to carry all his shopping in one hand while holding a can of cider in the other!

And men need to watch out for women in tinselled Santa hats grabbing "liquid breaks" during their shopping by popping in to pubs for a quick Irish coffee. By the time they lurch out men are fair game for a few comments about how they stack up against Rudolph – and I'm not talking about his nose!

Of course, there are all the seasonal lures of mulled wine and sherry with a mince pie to top up shoppers' intakes of alcohol with many of the drinks offered during the day at Christmas markets, bazaars and fetes. The result is that some people are almost seeing double while carrying out their shopping round town. Still, I suppose these things are Santa try us!

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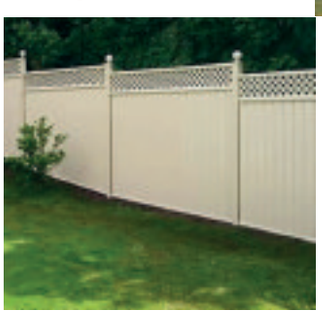
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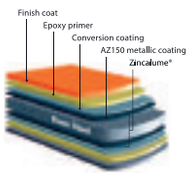
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New beach clean station at The Boat Cafe

A LITTER picker and bin have been installed on Weymouth beach – to encourage people to take a few minutes to pick up litter thrown down by others.

The latest #2minutebeachclean station has been installed at The Boat Café on the Esplanade, the third in Weymouth and Portland.

The others can be found at Bowleaze Cove, looked after by Beachside Leisure Centre and Quiddles near Chesil Beach on Portland.

Users borrow a litter picker and bag from the station, spend a couple of minutes collecting litter, then share their efforts on Twitter or Instagram via the hashtags #2minutebeachclean #Dorset – although the social media sharing is not compulsory.

Each of the stations has been adopted by a local business and Litter Free Coast and Sea then support these businesses to make sure they have everything they need for a successful station.

Litter Free Coast and Sea are also keen to hear from anyone wanting to adopt a beach cleaning station in Lyme Regis.

Councillor Jason Osborne, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's Tourism and Culture Briefholder said: "These beach cleaning stations are a fantastic initiative. They are available for anyone to use on any day to help keep our beaches clean.

"We have some of the best beaches and it is our duty to look after them.

"Many of us pick up the odd bit of litter when we're on the beach, so it's great to be able to provide the public with the right kit to be able to do it safely.

"It's amazing what you can collect in just a few minutes."



STAFF at The Boat Café on Weymouth Esplanade

MP presses minister for improved rail times

SOUTH Dorset MP Richard Drax has continued to press for improved rail times to Weymouth.

In a meeting with Transport Minister Paul Maynard and John Glen, MP for Salisbury, Mr Drax has again asked to shorten journey times by upgrading the line to London via Yeovil Junction and Salisbury.

Current franchise holder, Stagecoach South West Ltd, and FirstGroup's First South Western Trains Ltd, have been shortlisted by the Department of Transport to bid for the next South Western passenger franchise, with the winner to be announced by early April 2017 and taking control by August.

New schedules could be introduced by Christmas next year.

"Improved rail times are critical for the future prosperity of the constituency," says Mr Drax, "We have new jobs being created and new homes being built. Transport links will be more important than ever."

"We are still making the business case through the county council and Local Enterprise Partnerships and, together with Network Rail, we can find the money."



WEYMOUTH'S "Let's make it" Community group have handed over a cheque for £2,550 to Ian Jarvis head of the Dorset Poppy Appeal from the proceeds of selling their knitted poppies during this year's appeal. The local crafters have already started knitting for next year's event.

New school for village

THE community of Bere Regis is celebrating the completion of a brand new primary school which will replace the existing school in the village.



FROM left is Jeff Kinnon, site manager from Morgan Sindall, pupils George Taylor and Emma Blandon and Wayne Roberts, headteacher

The keys to the new £5million school were handed over by contractor Morgan Sindall to headteacher Wayne Roberts at a ceremony this week.

From January, 135 primary and pre-school children and teachers will be able to enjoy this high quality building, which provides modern and accessible facilities including five classrooms, main hall, a pre-school and extensive playing fields and courts.

Dorset Property, the county council's building consultancy group, provided design and project management services for the scheme which has taken nearly four years to bring to completion.

Peter Wharf, local councillor for Bere Regis, said: "The new school is a first class facility for local people. The old brick building at Rye Hill served as the school for over 80 years, but was not large enough or suitable for teaching today's curriculum."

He added that the new school allows for day to day flexibility and future adaptability if future needs arise.

The new school is fully accessible for all, on a single floor level and the choice of materials and colours ensure the building harmonises with the natural environment. A new access drive to the school has also been created and the local footpath network improved to encourage walking to school.

Head teacher Wayne Roberts said the new school was something the whole community could take pride in, and, even more importantly, make use of.

"It's a wonderful new facility which will add hugely to what we can offer the children here at the school."

Jon Daines, area director at Morgan Sindall, said: "We're delighted to have delivered this fantastic new school, which will provide pupils and teachers with a contemporary, spacious, sustainable learning environment.

"The new facility has been specifically designed to remain in keeping with the school's stunning surroundings and the materials used will blend seamlessly into the natural rural environment. It's a sustainable and cost-effective building to run and manage and includes high level windows to ensure the lots of day light and good natural ventilation."

Women reclaim the night



WOMEN take part in a drumming workshop as part of the Reclaim the Night event

DORCHESTER'S Reclaim the Night event has raised more than £700 for women's projects in the area.

The event, organised by Woman's Action Network Dorset (WAND) saw around 30 people taking part.

Starting with the a session in the town hall led by the Organic Rhythm drumming workshop the group then headed outside for the annual march through the High Street, drumming as they marched.

The march was followed by a supper and an auction hosted by WAND patron Tracey West.

The group say they would like to thank everyone who donated prizes and auction lots – including books from Waterstones, handmade cards and beaded jewellery, hampers from Unison, toiletries from Lush, Abbotsbury Children's Farm, Bournemouth Aquarium, Pecorama, Athelhampton House and Vivo Lounge, among others.

West Dorset Women' Refuge Welfare Committee also generously donated prizes to help raise money to support victims of domestic violence.

The event raised £702 pounds from the auction and tombola.

The funding raised has been spilt between the West Dorset Women's Refuge, the Welfare Committee and the Sexual Assault Referral Unit (SARC) in Bournemouth.

Said a WAND spokesperson: "This year's Reclaim was another amazing night. The drumming was brilliant as ever and we raised money for some great causes. While it's a fun event we hope it will also serve as a reminder of some serious issues. The event is part of the United Nations 'International End Violence Against Women' campaign and looks to raise awareness of significant levels of violence that women continue to experience around the world as well as here in the UK."

Christmas Gift Ideas

Need help finding the perfect gift for the special lady in your life?

MEN: HOW TO BUY GIFT JEWELLERY FOR WOMEN

by Jo Bergstrom
www.news.thediamondstore.co.uk

HOW do you buy jewellery for women? It's a daunting task. Get it right and she'll love you forever. Buy the wrong thing and this small item loaded with symbolism can put a real dampener on Christmas.

That's why we've put together this expert guide.

PART 1: Knowing what to buy

1. Look at her existing jewellery for ideas: Pay attention to the jewellery she already wears. Does she like small, simple items? Or big, sparkling ones? Is she classic or trendy? Does she wear silvery metals or yellow gold? Does she have pierced ears? What she wears now will tell you what she would like to receive as a gift.

2. Add sentimental value: Apart from style, pick jewellery with personal meaning. For example, a birthstone to symbolise the month she was born. Heart-shaped items and initial necklaces are also great.

3. Don't try to change her style: You might think hoop earrings are sexy. But if you know she hates big earrings, buying her a pair for Christmas won't convince her to wear them, and will just end in disappointment.



4. Watch her window shop: Walk down through a department store together. Observe her to see what type of items make her eyes sparkle.

5. Ask her friends for advice: Her friends or sisters are closest to her in age. If in doubt, they're the best people to advise you. Just make sure they can keep a secret.

6. No rings… unless you're already married or planning to propose!: In our culture, when a man gives a woman a ring, thoughts invariably turn to wedding and engagement rings. So unless you already married or actually planning to propose, during the early stages of a relationship it's not a good idea to give your girlfriend a gift ring. Avoid misunderstandings and give her a beautiful bracelet, earrings or a necklace instead.

7. Hold on to the receipt: We can't always get it right, so keep the receipt. All good jewellers have a refund policy, bar some custom made items (do check before you buy).

PART 2: Budget without losing quality

Here are some smart ways to buy her high quality jewellery at an affordable price:

1. Sterling silver: Fine sterling silver jewellery makes a perfect gift for a first Christmas together. By investing in sterling silver you'll get excellent precious metal quality, yet the price will be much lower than gold.

2. Illusion setting: An illusion setting is made from a white metal (usually silver or white gold). It creates a seamless frame around diamonds, making them look much bigger than they actually are.

3. White topaz instead of diamonds: If diamonds are out of your reach, don't go for synthetic stones or glass! Choose white topaz instead. It's a genuine gemstone and sparkles fabulously.



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PART 3: Three sure-fire gifts

In our long experience, there are 3 jewellery gift items you cannot go wrong with:

1. Diamond stud earrings: If she doesn't already have a pair, then this is the perfect gift she can wear any day of the week. (Just check she has pierced ears before buying!) Diamond studs go with any style and outfit, from evening gowns to jeans.

2. Diamond bracelet: This is an item she will get lifelong use out of. Because it's a jewellery classic. Again, it goes with any outfit and suits any taste. A diamond bracelet nestled in a beautiful jewellery box is a gift that will make any girl very happy.

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Mark's the man

Mark Ronson returns to Camp Bestival as Friday headliner

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Moon on a Stick bring the classic story to live with puppets *page 23*

TRANSMISSION

Your guide to local live music

The gigs

Friday 16 Dec
Holy Trinity Church, DORCHESTER
Joglaresa 8pm. Tickets £14 / £12

Saturday 17 Dec
Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Fretworks

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
The Cadence 9.30pm

Pilot Boat Inn, LYME REGIS
Guitars Around the Tree 7pm - late. £5.

Saturday 18 Dec
Corn Exchange, DORCHESTER
Mad Dog Mcrea 8pm

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
The Cherry Pickers 4pm

Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
Andy Williamson and Philip Clouts
8pm. £10.

Friday 23 Dec
Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Something Distant

Saturday 24 Dec
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
The Vinyl Monkeys 9.30pm

Saturday 31 Dec
The Clockhouse, CHIDEOCK
John De Barra

Guitars around the tree!

WHAT better way to get in the Christmas Spirit than Rocking around the Tree at The Pilot Boat Inn, Lyme Regis?

The Guitars on the Beach Team have put together a night of live music for this Saturday, December 17th, including a Christmas sing-along/strum-along with GOTB band SEAGLES, Cosmic Cafe Lite, Hot Sausage, DeltaTango7, and special guests performances.

Limited tickets are only £5 each (tickets available from The Pilot Boat or Axe Music or email ticketsgotb@icloud.com)

If you are a fan of the big summer event then this will be the perfect warm up. A list of the songs and chords for the evening is below.

Jingle Bells	G
Jingle Bell Rock	A
White Christmas	G
Blue Christmas	G
Here Comes Santa Claus	E
War Is Over	G
Santa Claus is Coming to Town	A
Lonely This Christmas	C
Merry Christmas Everybody (Slade)	G
Merry Christmas Everyone	A
Frosty the Snowman	G
Rocking Around the Christmas Tree	G

We look forward to seeing you!





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Sunday 18th December
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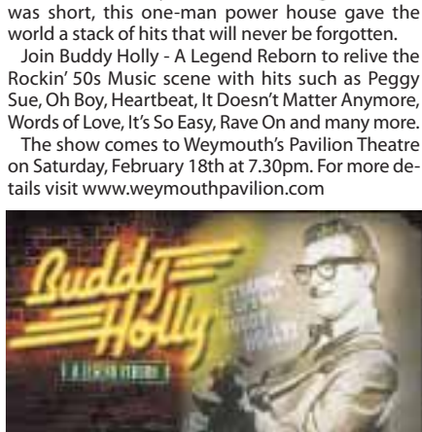
A Legend Reborn

THROUGH 1957 to 1959 one man changed the face of music, revolutionising the meaning of Rock 'N' Roll – Buddy Holly.

Buddy Holly - A Legend Reborn is the all new production for 2017, celebrates the Buddy Brilliance of an artist who shot straight into the lime light as soon as That'll Be The Day hit the radio. Though his career was short, this one-man power house gave the world a stack of hits that will never be forgotten.

Join Buddy Holly - A Legend Reborn to relive the Rockin' 50s Music scene with hits such as Peggy Sue, Oh Boy, Heartbeat, It Doesn't Matter Anymore, Words of Love, It's So Easy, Rave On and many more.

The show comes to Weymouth's Pavilion Theatre on Saturday, February 18th at 7.30pm. For more details visit www.weymouthpavilion.com



Enchanting festive vocals from the Joglaresa ensemble

THE ENCHANTING Joglaresa will be performing a festive concert at Holy Trinity Church on Friday, December 16th. This female vocal group will be performing nowells, wassails and Christmas lullabies, accompanying themselves on fidel, harp, bells, bagpipes and percussion.

The ensemble have been playing together since 1992, now well-established, they are known for their imaginative interpretation of early music.

The combination of their differing upbringings in traditional Irish, English, Maghrebi, Balkan and Middle Eastern music has influenced their work which focuses on connecting ancient and traditional music to create a 'fusion' of these styles to create a homogenous sound. Several members of the group have spent years in North Africa and the Middle East absorbing the best traditional tunes, learning the local languages (Arabic and Hebrew). Joglaresa have performed at many prestigious venues and festivals, including the Aldeburgh Festival, York Early Music Festiva, the Queen Elizabeth Hall (London) and numerous radio broadcasts - the world over...

This Christmas performance promises to be a truly memorable and festive occasion not to be missed.

Tickets are £14, £12 for members and concessions, available from www.dorchesterarts.org.uk, or by calling 01305 266926.



Joglaresa

Journey to The Tin Forest

PUPPETCRAFT present *The Tin Forest* at the Marine Theatre from Monday 26th to Thursday, December 29th.

The company returns to Lyme Regis following the sold out performance of *Monkey* last year at The Marine Theatre!

The Tin Forest is a puppet show based on the book by Helen Ward, illustrated by Wayne Anderson, published by Templar.

An old man lives in a dreary junkyard, full of other people's broken and unwanted junk. He dreams that one day his world will be full of life, colour and sound. His wish is about to come true…

The Tin Forest is an uplifting, humorous and touching show, full of visual invention, puppetry and musical fun…with mechanical birds, a wind-up circus and exotic animals of all shapes and sizes.

The show has no words, but has a soundscape of live music played on hurdy gurdy, dulcimer, harp, music box and piles of rubbish.

The show is suitable for all ages.

For more details, see the advert below.

Puppets tell the story of Jack Frost

A MAGICAL, wintery production brings Jack Frost to life through puppetry, live music and enchanting storytelling.

Jack has no idea that his ability to freeze everything he touches is spreading havoc wherever he goes and causing all sorts of problems in the village. One day a small girl spots him out the corner of her eye and Jack is no longer alone. A story of friendship and bravery to warm our hearts this winter.

Moon On A Stick transform the stage once more to reimagine this well-known Nordic legend. A playful production perfect for children.

Jack Frost will be performed at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, December 21st, 2-4pm.

Full price: £8, concessions; £6.



Jazz in the Bar

Andy Williamson and Philip Clouts to serve up a pre-Christmas treat



Andy Williamson and Philip Clouts

MULTI-SAX player and vocalist Andy Williamson will appear at Jazz in the Bar at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Sunday, December 18th. He is known for blowing exceptionally good tunes on the sax and for his repertoire of somewhat risqué old blues songs.

Andy has played with his own bands the Honkin' Hep Cats and Big Buzzard Boogie Band on BBC Radios 2, 3 & 4 and at Buckingham Palace; as a sideman with Tom Robinson and Martha Reeves & the Vandellas; and sung duets with Suggs from Madness (taking the place of the then recently departed Ian Dury).

He created 'Plainsong For the Planet' to provide a non-liturgical way for anyone to perform Gregorian Chant, and set up the Jazz Activists – a loose group of musicians who perform at political demonstrations around liberty and the destruction of our ecosystem. He also devised a course with Junior Laniyan on Jazz structure and Improvisation for Tap Dancers.

In 2010, Andy joined the Denbone Walkers, with guitarist Denny Ilett, celebrating the centenary of T-Bone Walker. He also co-founded 'The Organ Grinders' with keyboard player Maff Potts (after Maff donated one of his kidneys to Andy in 2007), with the aim of encouraging more people to join the UK Organ Donor Register. Andy also performs regularly with poet Matt Harvey, recently taking the Bridport Literary Festival by storm.

Andy has performed ambitious works with large ensembles at the Bristol Jazz festival; a while ago it was Duke Ellington's Sacred Concert, and this year the Gershwin Spectacular, a jazz oratorio featuring vocalist Jacqui Dankworth.

His versatile style on saxophones (alto, tenor and baritone) and voice creates an interesting, eclectic and highly enjoyable performance, which will be complemented by Philip Clouts at the piano.

Andy Williamson and Philip Clouts play at Jazz In The bar on Sunday, December 18th at the Marine Theatre, Church Street from 8pm. Tickets are £10, available from the Box Office by calling 01297 442138 or online at www.marinetheatre.com

Christmas Holidays at
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Puppetcraft presents
The Tin Forest
Monday 26th until Thursday 29th December
Full price: £8.00.
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Stars Felicity Jones, Diego Luna and Alan Tudyk.

THE EAGLE HUNTRESS U
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Stars Aisholpan Nurgaiv and narrate by Daisy Ridley.

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Office Christmas Party 15
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Daily: 10.00am

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Fri-Sun: 9.30, 12.15, 15.00
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Fri-Thu: 10.20am

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Fri-Sun: 11.10am

Don't Let it Go by...

AFTER such an enchanting afternoon back in February with Elsa, Anna and the crew, Dorchester Arts decided to do it all over again this season. Disney's *Frozen* will be shown on the big screen once more here at the Corn Exchange so all fans, both young and old are invited to come and sing along to one of the most charming animations the world has seen.

A perfect Christmas treat for the whole family to enjoy whatever the weather – but hey… the cold never bothered us anyway…

The Frozen Singalong comes to Dorchester Corn Exchange on Tuesday, December 20th. Doors open 1.30pm, film 2pm. Tickets are £4, available by calling 01305 266926 or online at the website www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

West Gallery Carols for Winter



WITH THEIR roots in the South Dorset Ridgeway, and inspired by the rich sources of locally collected folk songs and West Gallery carols, The Ridgeway Singers and Band led by Tim Laycock and Phil Humphries have once again tuned their fiddles and voices to present a joyous celebration of Christmas past and present this winter.

Sung by village choirs in English country churches from the 18th century onwards, West Gallery music's demise was brought about by the innovations of the organ and harmonium, and the accompanying musicians who played the fiddle, the cello and the serpent might have been no more than a footnote in history, if it hadn't been for this style of popular music being recorded by writers such as Thomas Hardy, the traditional music he knew as a boy, and the wonderful stories and poems in which he evoked the singers and musicians who performed it.

This seasonal programme will include 'Hark Hark', a West Gallery carol from Hinton St Mary, a Wassail collected by Thomas Hardy in Melbury Osmund, and a new song 'In Praise of Apples' by choir member Anna Everleigh. With the atmospheric 'Green Man Song' and some sparkling instrumental pieces and midwinter stories, plus a few Ridgeway favourites, expect a great seasonal celebration of all things Dorset.

The Ridgeway Singers perform at St Nicholas Church, Abbotsbury on Sunday, December 18th at 3pm. For more details call 01305 871532.

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UNTIL JANUARY 2ND

Lyme Regis: The Christmas Art Exhibition is a festive show of recent 2D and 3D work by local artists who are members of Town Mill Arts. It is full of inspiring and enticing paintings, sculptures, drawings, pottery, textiles, jewellery and books, ideal for that special Christmas present. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU www.townmillarts.co.uk

Lyme Regis: Pop Up Vintage is the sixth annual showcase for the up-cycling work of Jan Calow and Mandy Wiscombe, who spend all year sourcing, making, repairing, cleaning and renovating their stock of competitively priced vintage gifts, highly suitable for Secret Santas. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU www.townmillarts.co.uk

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14TH

West Bay, near Bridport: Christmas concert in St.John's Church.West Bay at 7.30p.m. by West Dorset Community Orchestra, conductor Walter Brewster, and Local Vocals, director Lesley Whatley. Carols for the audience. Wine and mince pies will be served during the interval. A raffle and a retiring collection.

Martinstown: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

Lyme Regis: Indoor Bowls. Have a go, good fun. 7.15, 9.45pm. £1.60. Tea and biscuits. At Woodmead Halls.

Dorchester: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road holding a special Christmas coffee pop in. Do come along and enjoy Christmas festivities and a very warm welcome. Anytime between 9.30am and 12noon.

Dorchester: Classic Christmas film 'It's a Wonderful Life' showing at Evergreens Cinema at Age UK Dorchester. Cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits served for £1.50, ice creams also available. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 269444.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH

Martinstown: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.

West Bay, Bridport: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

Axminster: Axminster Country Dancing every Friday, 2-4pm, admission £2.10 including tea and biscuits. For more details call 01297 34326.

Lyme Regis: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Christmas Party at Woodmead Halls, 7.30pm.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 17TH

Weymouth: The Wey Valley Recreational Gymnastics Club from 10.30am to 1.00pm. The Club provides Gymnastic skills & techniques for children aged from 5 to 14 years of age. For further details contact the Club secretary, Don J Whistance, on either 0785924638 / don.whistance@icloud.com / or Facebook via 'The Weymouth And Portland Recreational Gymnastics Club'

Weymouth: Weymouth Choral Society annual Christmas Concert, to be held at St John's Church. The society will be joined by Dorset Sinfonia. Concert starts 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (under 16s free), available from Harmony Music (Dorchester), Weymouth Pavilion, by calling 07712 135150, weymouthchoralsociety.org.uk, or at the door.

Whitchurch Canonicorum: The Watkins and Swabrick Band play at Whitchurch Canonicorm Village Hall, doors 7.30pm, music 8pm. Pay what you like at the end of the show. Seat reservations essential 01305 837299

Dorchester: Three Choirs' Christmas Concert with songs, carols and readings for young and old, at 4pm at St George's Church, Fordington. The three choirs - Viva (Women's choir), Heart & Soul (Poundbury Singers) and Sylarks (Children's Choir) will be directed by Kathie Prince, accompanied by Sue Massey. Tickets on the door £6, children free (doors open at 3.40pm). In aid of Dorset County Hospital Cancer Appeal. Please come along for some festive entertainment and to support the cause.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 18TH

West Bay, Bridport: The RNLI annual Christmas & Songs will take place at the George Hotel, West Bay, courtesy of Christophe Dupuy, at 7pm for 7.30pm. This very popular event will be led by members of the Bridport based folk band, 'Acoustic Rooster'. Complementary Mince Pies and a Christmas Raffle will add to the festive fun. Early arrival is advised.

Abbotsbury: West Gallery Carol Concert by The Ridgeway Singers and Band, led by Phil Humphries and Tim Laycock at St Nicholas Church, 3pm. Hosted by The Friends of St Nicholas). Tickets £7, £6 u18s, £24 family (2+2) or the door or in advance by calling 01305 871532 (9am-6pm, cash or cheque). Mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies included. Limited space - early booking advised.

Dorchester: Dorchester Community Church invite you to Carols by Candlelight. This will be at 6pm. This will include familiar carols, nativity and our own `Puppets'. Join us as we celebrate Christmas.

MONDAY DECEMBER 19TH

Bridport: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

Bridport: The Galley (formerly Beach & Barnicott) are offering a subsidised Christmas lunch for anyone seeking some festive cheer and companionship over this period. Open to all ages, singles or couples. Tickets are £9.50 for a Christmas lunch with optional pudding extra. Booking essential; call 01308 455688.

MONDAY DEC 19TH - WEDNESDAY DEC 21ST

Eype, near Bridport: Intensive Christmas Swimming Courses at Highlands End. Various courses for differing abilities – rising 4 year olds; beginners with buoyancy aids; competitive swimmers; rookie lifesavers course – something for everyone. Details Penny Yarnold 07970879047 or Andrea Dabbs 07873 723471.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 20TH

West Bay, Bridport: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

Crossways: Christmas Craft and Gift Fair at Crossways Youth & Community Centre Old Farm Way, 10am-4.30pm. Free entry with a donation bucket for the centre. Lots of stalls with many great Christmas gift ideas, plus refreshments and homemade cakes. Raffle with great prizes. Money raised will go to the new charity that has taken over the running of the centre.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21ST

Eype, Bridport: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society meeting at Highlands End Leisure Centre. 'A Musical Celebration of the Christmas Season' with speaker Sarah Deere-Jones. 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

Martinstown: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

Dorchester: HMP Dorchester Reunion at the Trinity Club, 7pm til midnight. Live music, disco, raffle and buffet. All former employees welcome. Tickets available on a first come first served basis and are £5 per head, payable in advance. For more details and tickets please email dorchesterprisonreunion@yahoo.com

Dorchester: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road holding a special Christmas coffee pop in. Do come along and enjoy Christmas festivities and a very warm welcome. Anytime between 9.30am and 12noon.

MONDAY JANUARY 9TH

Beaminster: Moviola presents 'Absolutely Fabulous the movie' at Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets at Yarn Barton (01308 862715) weekdays 9.30-12.30, and Saturdays 9.30-1pm. Or call 01308 861746. £5 in advance, or £5.50 on the door.

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SUNDAY JANUARY 15TH

Bridport: Allington Strings New Year Concert at 3pm at Sir John Colfox Academy, Ridgeway. Arturo Serna conducts the Allington Strings in a programme of light classical favourites including Pacelbel's Canon, Bach's Double Violin Concerto, Mozart's Divertimento no 2, Mendelssohn's Sinfonia No1, Gershwin's Love Walked In and Percy Grainger's Mock Morris. Tickets £10 (under 18's free) available on the door or in advance from Bridport Music.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18TH

Eype, near Bridport: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'The Story of Sutton Hoo Ship Burial' speaker Mark Cottle. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

Mark Ronson announced as first Camp Bestival 2017 headliner

All Saints, Leftfield, Louisa Johnson and more also on the bill

CAMP BESTIVAL'S recently announced Pop Stars & Rock Stars theme is getting everyone excited, and the epic tenth anniversary bash is already set to be unforgettable, with an unbeatable combo of music, themed activities and family sensations, all at a castle campsite by the sea. This is just the first wave of acts for 2017, so you'd be mad to miss out on the best festi-holiday ever at Lulworth Castle next July.

Curator Rob da Bank says: "Calling all budding pop stars, rock stars and divas! Welcome to our first announcement of Camp Bestival 2017 - from the funk pop maestro Mark Ronson through The Bootleg Beatles, the dubby techno majesty of Leftfield and our mates Dick and Dom right up to what should be a showstopper with a UK festival exclusive of Andrew Lloyd Webbers new musical, School of Rock on the main stage. Rock on!"

Mark Ronson is unquestionably the king of pop right now, so we're delighted to announce he will be headlining the Castle stage on Friday night. The A-list's favourite DJ, Mark's set will be a non-stop hit parade from Amy Winehouse to Bruno Mars, so make sure you pack your dancing shoes and feel like a pop star at Mark's own Camp Bestival house party!



Mark Ronson



All Saints

And we can reveal our first big kids show for 2017 – yes, its School of Rock – The Musical! Don't miss this very special appearance from the cast of Andrew Lloyd Webber's amazing new musical based on the classic 2003 film.

There's plenty more pop goodness with main stage appearances from the 90s' coolest girl band, All Saints, Frankie Goes to Hollywood icon Holly Johnson, techno lords Leftfield, X Factor 2015 winner Louisa Johnson and the world's most fab-tastic tribute band, The Bootleg Beatles.

But Camp is all about the kids and we have tons of entertainment, including Camp Bestival legend Mr Tumble, the return of Historic Royal Palaces' Tudors on Tour, TV tearaways Dick and Dom, who will be making an exclusive main stage appearance and rocking the Silent Disco, and the inimitable DJ BBQ who will host The Feast Collective. We'll also have loads of fun stuff including a Giant Kids' Disco with the World's Largest Disco Ball, and the inaugural UK Festival Air Guitar Championships.

Dick and Dom say: "So, we've had enough of Rob da Bank hanging around our front door begging us to come back, so… WE'RE BACK!!! 2017 will see us being flipping ace on the main stage (as usual) making people laugh (and cry (as usual)) and… and… AND, it's 'DICK V DOM' on the decks for the silent disco.

If you're looking for some proper hands in the air moments, Camp Bestival's favourite disco destination Bollywood will be playing host to the likes of beat vagabond Skream, reggae and dance hall deity David Rodigan, who will present Ram Jam, and old school rave pioneers Raindance. Plus, we'll have essential rave preparation for the youth courtesy of Big Fish Little Fish.

Time is running out if you want to buy Early Bird tickets, General Admission tickets go on sale on Friday 9th December at 10am, so grab your Early Bird tickets today! And don't forget Camping Plus, Backstage VIP Camping and Hospitality Camping tickets are on sale now.

And there's plenty of festive fun to be had with our ace Camp Bestival Advent Calendar, too.

All this, plus seven arenas filled with amazing fun, delicious food & drink, relaxing therapies and top notch facilities catering for your family's needs, and there's plenty more music, kids entertainment and family attractions to be announced, including two more headliners and lots more pop, rock and dance, so keep your eyes peeled for more info coming soon and keep checking www.campbestival.net and our Facebook and Twitter for all the latest info.

All aboard to see Santa!

SANTA will be visiting Pecorama in Beer from Saturday, December 17th until Wednesday, December 21st every day between 11am and 5pm.

There will be train rides, delicious festive food, an indoor Christmas market with artisan handmade gifts, cards, and jewellery, indoor soft play, beautiful gardens and of course, Father Christmas and his helper elves. Also, there will be snow!

For just £10 children aged 16 and under can enjoy a train ride on the Pecorama Santa Special then be taken by helper elves to meet Santa and receive a Christmas gift, followed by indoor soft play for those aged 12 and under in the famous Pecorama Play Station!

There will be hot turkey baps, mince pies and mulled drinks available plus an indoor Christmas market featuring local artisans and craftspeople offering gifts and festive stocking fillers from just a few pounds.

The Peco Shop will also be open every day from December 17th to 21st between 10am and 5pm offering a wide range of gifts and railway modelling products plus the full range of Teddy Mac books featuring Pecorama's very own railway bear.

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Nicky Sweetland's Showtime

OUR NEW SHOWBIZ COLUMN

It was just one of those weeks so you have to laugh ...

Victor Hugo once wrote "Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face" and the acclaimed author of Les Misérables could easily have been writing about my experiences over the last week.

You know the sort? One of those weeks, in which if you don't laugh you'll go mad (well, even more mad). I started the week off by tripping up the garden steps and onto my face (my chin now resembles a supermarket value pizza!) and things pretty much continued in the same vein throughout.

After fending off a barrage of banter from my colleagues about my gnarly appearance, I ventured down to Exeter's Northcott Theatre to see their Christmas production of Peter Pan. A semi-professional show, which sadly was more like the West End production of Peter Pan Goes Wrong than the heart warming family fairytale; such was the level of technical inadequacy.

Poor old Peter got caught up in a window when he first tried to fly and had to be rescued by a burly stagehand. He then had to play the rest of the flying scene by jumping up and down on a bed, which was highly amusing for the audience, but not entirely what the director had in mind for the straight play.

I did feel sorry for the poor actor, but the continuous risk of misadventure is what makes live theatre so exciting. Having been part of numerous amateur productions, I know this only too well. In fact, I've endured some howlers. I once answered a phone onstage to a fart sound effect and when I was in the Witches of Eastwick last year in Exmouth, I kicked a glass onto the front row of the audience.

The absolute classic has to be however, when a sofa imploded trapping four cast members within it. We were left stuck, in more ways than one.

I've seen lots of hilarious catastrophes in the West End too, including costume malfunctions, mid show cast changes and on one occasion, when I was watching my favourite musical Wicked, the witch failed to fly (I have seen the show twenty times, so I guess statistically it had to happen at some point).

Hardcore fans of the big shows love it when they witness mistakes and wear a 'no-fly' or a 'witch switch' as a badge of honour.

South West Trains seemed to be in on the joke this week too, as my initial attempt to get ton the capital was thwarted by a signal failure (you've got to laugh!), which meant I managed to fit in another rehearsal for my next stage foray in Axminster and let's face it, on past form, I need as much practice as I can get!

After yet another family funeral (2016 has been filled with bereavement both within the celebrity and my own world), I eventually made it to London and popped over to Soho to see my friend Richard Hadfield doing his first ever solo gig.

Up until earlier this year he was part of the musical theatre vocal group Collabro, which won Britain's Got Talent 2014.

After interviewing Richard while he was in the band, I spent a lovely evening with the singer and his girlfriend at a Strictly Come Dancing party (he is hoping to appear on the TV show in the future) and our friendship blossomed from there.

His lovely girlfriend Roxy is a celebrity stylist and has recently been working with Harry Potter star, Daniel Radcliffe. We spent a fab afternoon chatting and eating pizza, while Richard filled the central London cabaret venue with some glorious swinging refrains.

Musical theatre legend Elaine Paige sang on Strictly Come Dancing last weekend and I've been invited to her one off concert at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane.



Dream Girls Amber Riley and Lilly Frazer at The Savoy Theatre
Photo by Brinkhoff Mogenburg



Richard Hadfield - filled the central London cabaret venue with his first solo gig

Due to my schedule however, I'm unable to attend and after watching her performance on the results show, I can't say I'm too disheartened, as I fear the diva is a little past her sell by date.

I've met Elaine a couple of times and she's really nice, but a bit plastic looking when you see her up close (maybe I should have got some tips on how to cover up my unsightly facial scar!).

To top off a ruinous week, my attempt to officially visit the new musical Dreamgirls was cancelled due to cast illness. Luckily I can get my review written in time for the Christmas deadlines thanks to sneaking in a couple of weeks ago and I should get the chance to see it again soon.

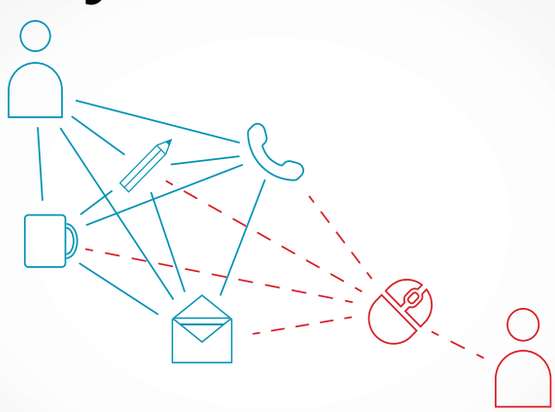
The show stars Amber Riley, who gained fame after performing in the TV series Glee. Fans of the hit television show won't be disappointed by Riley's performance; her vocal gymnastics are absolutely phenomenal.

◆ Next week I'm interviewing Max Caulfield, who musical fans will remember from the film Grease 2. He's just started rehearsals for a new show called Death Takes a Holiday, which will open at the Charing Cross Theatre in January.

I'm also off to the London Palladium to see Cinderella with an all-star cast and to the Arts Theatre to review Simon Callow in A Christmas Carol, both of which, I'm sure, will fill me with festive fun and laughter.

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HOME GIFTS - HOME SHOPPING

By Gabrielle Fagan, Press Association

DON'T leave your home off the Christmas list - indulge rooms with treats which will make them look special during the holiday and beyond.

And if you're feeling really generous, items for the home could make wonderful presents. Unsure where to begin? We've asked the experts to unwrap their home gift-buying tactics...

MAGIC TOUCH

"When I'm looking for beautiful home accessories to give as Christmas gifts, I often choose items that can be used long after the festive period is over," says Julia Kendell, DIY and design expert for Homebase (homebase.co.uk)

"Candle holders, decorative glassware and table decorations make lovely gifts, and as they're often inexpensive, they're a great option if you're working to a budget. These can be lovely secret Santa gifts too!

"If you are seeing family and friends with young children ahead of Christmas, I think it's really special to gift items which help welcome the arrival of Santa and inject that magic, festive spirit. Why not give a decorative plate and mug for Santa's mince pie and milk, or a special pot for Rudolph's treats?"



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:: Sagaform Wine Carafe With Oak Stopper, £23, Cloudberry Living (0330 123 3301/cloudberryliving.co.uk)

:: Kitchencraft Copper Effect Salt and Pepper Mills, £7 each, available in stores, Sainsbury's (sainsburys.co.uk)

:: Bloomingville White And Gold Triangles Votives, currently reduced to £27 from £30 for set of two, House of Fraser (0870 160 7270/houseoffraser.co.uk)

:: Midnight Black Wine Glass, from £6.90 each; Midnight Red Wine Glass, from £9.90 each, Red Candy (0121 224 7728/redcandy.co.uk)



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TEXTURE AND SHINE

"A great gift will stand the test of time. Of the gifts I've received for my home, my favourite was a wonderful, chunky knitted throw. It's perfect for snuggling under but also looks great year-round as an additional texture for our living room," says Jenny Hurren, founder of Out There Interiors (outthereinteriors.com).

"My top buys for this year are simple lanterns - ideal for the fussiest of friends - and vases, because frankly you can never have too many. For pizzazz and stand-out factor, our large, gold Balka Hanging Balloon Decoration [£42] would be a statement to liven up any room, and perfect for a party."



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:: Wave Multi-Coloured Striped Ceramic Vase, £35; Rezzo Yellow Small Patterned Vase, £30; Fenick Multi-Coloured Tall Vase, £20, Habitat (0344 499 4686; www.habitat.co.uk)

:: Chinon Table Lamp in Black, £79, Pasx (020 3141 8680/pasx.co.uk)

:: Gold Patterned Glass Tumblers, £30 for set of two, Miafleur (www.miafleur.com)

CLUB TOGETHER

"It's lovely to give someone a luxury present for their home that they've always wanted but might not be able to buy for themselves, and it's a nice idea if family or friends club together for that ultimate gift," says Sam Hood, creative director and founder of Amara (amara.com).

"A beautiful clock or a luxurious throw for a bed are both items which can be appreciated all year round and set the style for a room."

:: Diamantini & Domeniconi Chalet Wall Clock, in birch and copper leaf, £282, Amara (0800 587 7645/amara.com)



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:: Adeen Red Wool And Silk Throw, £80; Maggie Chestnut Brown Mohair Throw, £100, Habitat (0344 499 4686; www.habitat.co.uk)

:: Giant Champagne Cork Stool, £150, Red Candy (0121 224 7728/redcandy.co.uk)

:: Itek I60011 Antique Record, CD, Cassette And Radio Player, £99.99, Very Home (www.very.co.uk)

STYLISH ADDITIONS

"It can be hard choosing a gift for someone else's home, but the easiest way is to consider their taste," says Andrew Tanner, design manager for Home at Sainsbury's.

"If they love bright colours and pattern, go for bold and vibrant textiles and accessories, or if they favour glamour and glitter, choose chic metallic pieces in on-trend bronze or copper that bring warmth to the room. Natural materials are always popular, and earthy tones, contemporary marble or timeless glass pieces will fit well in most settings."

:: Bear Sham, £79, Lexington Company (lexingtoncompany.com)

:: Sainsbury's Collection Copper Triply Stockpot With Copper Lid, £60; Copper Coated Measuring Cups, £6, Sainsbury's (sainsburys.co.uk)

:: Silver Aluminium Platter, £79, Sweetpea & Willow (0345 257 2627/sweetpeaandwillow.com)

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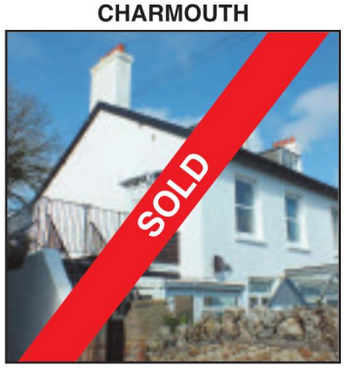
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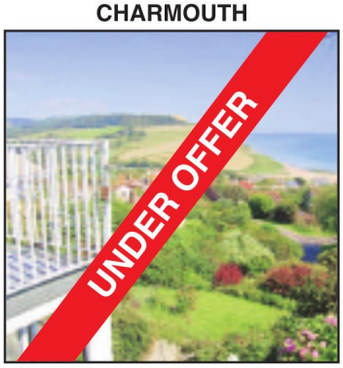
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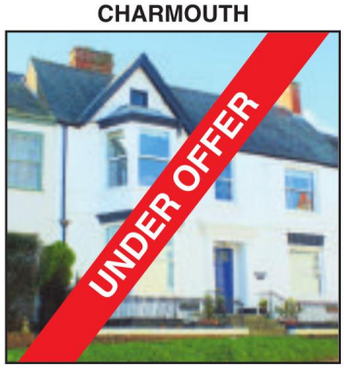
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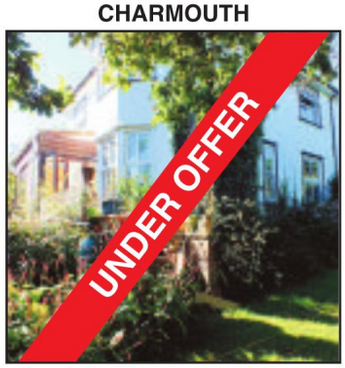
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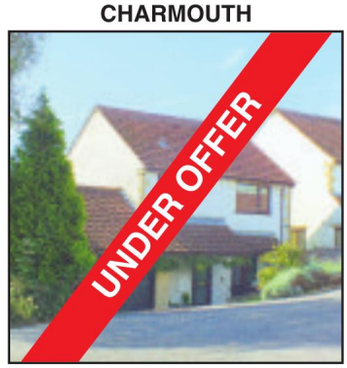
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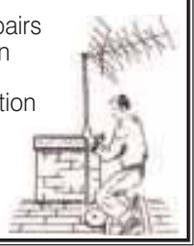
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The new quattro-equipped duo will complement the existing front-wheel-driven TT 2.0 TDI ultra models, which will continue alongside them. Where these are equipped exclusively with six-speed manual transmission, the new 2.0 TDI quattro variants use a six-speed S tronic twin-clutch transmission without exception.

The quattro drive uses an electro-hydraulic multi-plate clutch to distribute the torque to both axles. In many everyday driving situations, it will direct the engine's power predominantly to the front wheels. Should traction decrease there, the clutch continuously redirects the torque to the rear within a few milliseconds.

At the limit, the quattro system operates in tandem with wheel-selective torque control, an intelligent software feature of the Electronic Stabilization Control (ESC). This makes handling even more fluid and stable thanks to targeted, accurately metered brake applications to the wheels on the inside of the bend. On low-friction surfaces, the permanent all-wheel drive system even allows safe, controlled drifts.

quattro integrated into Audi drive select

The clutch management is integrated into the Audi drive select dynamic handling system which is a standard feature of all UK specification TT models. This allows the driver to select Comfort, Auto, Dynamic, Efficiency and Individual modes which modify the character of their TT. As well as governing the all-wheel-drive system, Audi drive select influences throttle response, steering assistance and S tronic transmission shift points. It also integrates several optional modules such as the Audi magnetic ride adaptive damper control and the deluxe automatic air conditioning.

The compelling performance of the Audi TT stems from its combination of quattro drive and the refined flow of power from the four-cylinder diesel engine. Its 184PS output is combined with plentiful torque of 380 Nm (280.3 lb-ft) available between 1,750 and 3,250 rpm. The common rail system injects the fuel through eight-hole nozzles at up to 2,000 bar. The high pressure paves the way for fine atomisation, making the combustion process efficient and low on emissions. The intercooler is located in the intake manifold module. Along with the compact design, this arrangement achieves short gas paths, effective control processes and therefore instantaneous response coupled with high efficiency.

The TT Coupé 2.0 TDI quattro S tronic accelerates from 0 to 62mph in 6.7 seconds and goes on to clock up a top speed of 145mph.The Roadster accomplishes the standard sprint in 7.0 seconds and continues to a top speed of 142mph. In the Coupé, the 2.0 TDI quattro S tronic achieves fuel consumption of 54.3mpg according to the NEDC measuring method, which equates to 137 grams of CO2 per kilometre. For the TT Roadster, the figures are 52.3mpg and 142 g CO2 per kilometre.

Even before the introduction of the new 2.0 TDI quattro S tronic models, the world renowned quattro system was already the choice of one in every two Audi customers worldwide. Taking into account the newcomers the Audi TT portfolio now comprises seven engine/transmission variants, of which five are petrol versions. The many advantages of quattro drive can already be enjoyed in TT 2.0 TFSI 252PS and 310PS TTS models.



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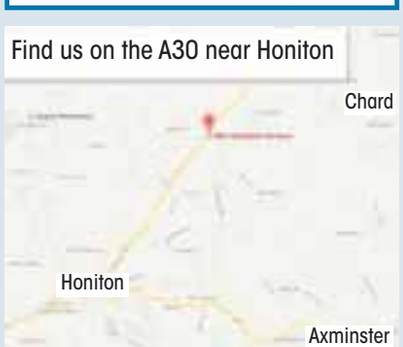
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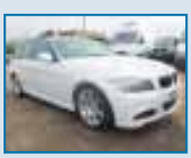
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Leamington	24	53
Slough Town	22	46
Hitchin Town	24	46
Chippenham Town	22	44
Merthyr Town	24	42
Redditch Utd	26	38
Banbury Utd	23	37
Kettering Town	24	36
Frome Town	23	36
Dunstable Town	24	36
Chesham Utd	20	35
Biggleswade Town	22	31
Basingstoke Town	23	30
DORCHESTER TOWN	24	28
St Ives Town	22	28
Stratford Town	23	27
King's Lynn Town	20	26
WEYMOUTH	19	24
Kings Langley	23	24
Cirencester Town	25	23
St Neots Town	22	22
Hayes & Yeading Town	22	20
Cambridge City	24	15
Cinderford Town	23	11

Wessex Premier (42)	Pld	Pts
Moneyfields	24	54
Sholing	23	45
AFC Portchester	23	44
Blackfield & Langley	22	42
PORTLAND UTD	22	41
Team Solent	21	37
Brockenhurst	22	37
Horndean	21	32
Bashley	22	29
Newport IoW	22	29
Amesbury Town	22	29
Alresford Town	18	27
Lymington Town	21	27
Hamworthy Utd	22	25
Bemerton Heath Harl'	18	24
Andover Town	20	24
Bournemouth	20	23
Whitchurch Utd	21	20
Fareham Town	22	18
Verwood Town	23	17
Fawley	24	17
Cowes Sports	21	16

Dorset Premier (32)	Pld	Pts
BALTI SPORTS	18	43
Holt Utd	15	37
Swanage & Herston	16	36
Westland Sports	18	33
Hamworthy Recreation	17	32*
DORCHESTER SPORTS	16	29
Gillingham Town Res	15	25
Parley Sports	14	23
BRIDPORT RESERVES	18	23
Merley Cobham Sports	12	21
Blandford Utd	16	20
Sturminster Newton Utd	15	17
Wareham Rangers	15	15
Mere Town	18	14
Hamworthy Utd Reserves	18	11
Sherborne Town Reserves	16	8
Cranborne	17	3

Dorset Senior League (26)	Pld	Pts
Witchampton Utd	12	26
Milborne Port	14	25
DORCHESTER SP RES	10	24
Allendale	12	21
Shaftesbury Town Res	7	18
Corfe Mullen Utd	12	18
PORTLAND UTD RES	10	16
Wincanton Town Res	11	15
CHICKERELL UTD	12	14
Piddletrenthide Utd	10	13
Poole Borough	12	13
Boscombe Polonia	10	7
Blandford Utd Res	12	5
Westlands Sports Res	8	1

Dorset League Div 1 (26)	Pld	Pts
AFC Blandford	11	26
Mere Town Reserves	11	23
Corfe Castle	11	23
Broadstone	11	22
Wareham Rangers Res	9	19
Canford Utd	13	18
Wool & Winfrith	13	16
BALTI SPORTS RES	11	12
WEYMOUTH A	12	12
Parley Sports Res	11	12
Tisbury	8	10
Swanage & Herston Res	10	10
PORTLAND UTD YOUTH	9	8
PORTLAND TOWN	8	1

Dorset League Div 2 (22)	Pld	Pts
Piddlehinton Utd	12	29
Allendale Reserves	11	27
Broadmayne	12	22
Maiden Newton & Catt	10	19
PORTESHAM UTD	11	16
Owermoigne	10	16
Sturm Newton Utd Res	9	15
Stalbridge	8	13
Broadstone Res	12	10
CHICKERELL UTD RES	11	6
Milborne Port Res	7	3
PORTLAND TOWN RES	9	1

Dorset League Div 3 (22)	Pld	Pts
Sturminster Marshall	12	34
Okeford Utd	12	26
South Cheriton Utd	12	21
Allendale A	13	20
Marnhull	11	16
AFC Blandford Res	13	16
PORTLAND TOWN A	13	16
Pimperne Sports Society	13	14
Donhead Utd	11	13
Handley Sports	9	11
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	11	9
Wool & Winfrith Res	12	9

Dorset Div Four (22)	Pld	Pts
Swanage RBL	11	30
CHICKERELL UTD A	11	26
BRIDPORT A	8	20
PORTLAND TOWN B	12	19
Corfe Castle Res	10	16
Marnhull Res	7	12*
PORTESHAM UTD RES	11	11
Lytchett & Upton RT	10	11
Shillingstone	10	7
Wincanton Town A	8	5*
Wool & Winfrith A	5	2*
Crossways Spitfires	11	1

Dorset Football

Poppies foil Blues once again

BOURNEMOUTH POPPIES 2
PORTLAND UTD 2
Sydenhams Wessex Premier – att: 20

FOR the second time this season, an equaliser with virtually the last kick of the game denied Portland United victory over Bournemouth Poppies.

The Blues were pegged back in added time in the corresponding reverse fixture at Grove Corner in early August when the sides drew 3-3, and it was a case of déjà vu at Victoria Park on Saturday when the hosts snatched a point in the 97th minute.

In a good, evenly matched first half played in wet conditions on not the best of surfaces, both sides relied on their keepers to keep the game goalless at the break.

The hosts keeper denied Darren Watts low drive destined for the bottom corner, Ross Carmichael's header and a Lewis Clark effort, whilst Blues glove man Sean Lillington pulled of two great saves.

Clark broke the deadlock five minutes after the break. Watts played him in, and after his initial shot was blocked by the keeper, he chased it wide of goal and fired in an angled shot to the near post where the keeper fumbled it into his own net off the upright.

Poppies equalised ten minutes later when a long ball evaded Chris Clarke on the slippery pitch and the winger got down the line to cut the ball back for Sami Makhloufi to score after an initial effort was blocked.

Alex Godfrey, who had replaced Max Buckler at the break, restored the Blues lead following a simple but effective three man move from a Chris Clarke throw-in to Watts who released Godfrey to stride forward and drill a shot into the bottom corner.

It looked to be enough for Portland to secure their first league win following two draws, but with the referee looking to blow for full time, a ball down the line caught out Ashley Smith allowing a cross into the six yard box where it was missed by two defenders and Lillington, allowing Stepan Neronski to head home at the far post from two yards.

Assistant manager Mark Carter was astonished how the Poppies had come up with a second last gasp equaliser: "I don't know where the ref found seven minutes, as there was only a couple of substitutions on both sides, but for the second time they have done us, but fair play for keeping going to the end.

"I must say it was a much better performance than last week and everyone put in a good shift."

Tepid Terras drop two more points

Weymouth 0 Kings Lynn 0
EvoStik Premier – att: 403

WEYMOUTH produced another poor performance in front of their own fans last Tuesday night when they were held to a goalless draw by Kings Lynn.

The Linnets, who were only two points better off than the struggling Terras having played a game more before start of play, hardly had time to find their feet, having arrived late which delayed kick-off by 15 minutes, before they were put under pressure.

Chris Shephard, whom later had to be replaced after coming off second best in a crunching tackle, set Stuart Fleetwood free. He cut it back to recalled Sam Jordan, but Lynn's keeper saved well with his feet to deny Weymouth the start they could have wanted.

Weymouth continued to dominate as the visitors settled but failed to create anything of real threat, with Shephard's volley that just went wide the nearest they came.

The only thing to brighten a damp, cold night was a Jake Wannell effort with the outside of his left foot which struck the angle of the goal frame.

DORSET SATURDAY LEAGUE

SENIOR LEAGUE

WITCHAMPTON have gone top following their 6-2 home win against Dorchester Sports Reserves. Dave Perry (2), Jon Hayter (2), Liam Cullen and Danny Hill scored for the Witches.

Milborne Port won 2-0 away at Blandford Utd Resn while Corfe Mullen won 4-0 on their travels at Allendale with goals from Mike Corbett (2), Olly Wright and Ben Gard. A brace for Lynton Robinson was enough for Poole Borough to beat visitors Chickerell Utd 2-1.

DIVISION ONE

MARTYN Barnett scored the only goal of the game as Broadstone won 1-0 away at Parley Sports Reserves.

Wool & Winfrith won 3-2 away at Canford Utd with Dan King and Lee Madgewick scoring for the hosts.

Balti Sports Reserves beat hosts Weymouth A 4-3. Derek Wall (2) and Manny Roach netted for the Terras.

DIVISION TWO

BROADMAYNE held visiting league leaders Piddlehinton to a 4-4 draw with Nick Bridle, John Turland, James Monaghan and Dan O,Rourke on target for Broadstone.

Sturminster Newton Reserves won 2-1 at Broadstone Reserves with Marcus Bascombe grabbing the consolation goal.

Chickerell Utd Reserves hammered visitors Maiden Newton & Cattistock 6-0 thanks to a hat-trick from Chucky Taylor, two from Neil Dewey and Zak Richards.

Stalbridge also won 6-0 against Milborne Port Reserves with goals from Graham Lomas (2), Steve Mitchell, Matt Jordan, Jong Stuart and an OG.

DIVISION THREE

LEAGUE leaders Sturminster Marshall thrashed hosts Corfe Mullen Utd Reserves 14-0. Portland Town A beat visitors Donhead 3-1 with goals from Danny Shepherd (2) and Ben White.

Pimperne Sports Society won 4-3 away at Wool & Winfrith Reserves with Lee Perry (2) and Dan Fox netting the consolations.

AFC Blandford Reserves won 5-2 at Handley courtesy of strikes from Brad Pike, Charlie John, Steve Crane, Sam Hewitt and an OG. Allendale A won 4-2 at Okeford. Jamie Bugler scored both of the home goals.

DIVISION FOUR

JUST the one game was played in Division Four today due to County Cup ties and Corfe Castle Res took full advantage with goals from Charlie March, Tom Hillier and Ashley Billing in a 3-0 win over visiting Portesham Utd Reserves 3-0.

Motor Sport

Successful season completed for Woolbridge speedsters

MEMBERS of the Woolbridge Motor Club gathered at the Frampton Village Hall for the club's 2016 Annual Awards Presentation, not only to acknowledge the successes of their fellow competitors but also to witness presentations to four charities and organisations which the club have supported during the season.

In conjunction with the Clay Pigeon Raceway the club annually promotes an endurance kart race with proceeds being donated to local charities.

The beneficiaries of the August event were; the Fortuneswell Cancer Trust at the Dorset County Hospital (£1000), Frampton Youth Club (£500), The Front Skate Park in Weymouth (£500) and the Bridport Bandits Autograss Racing Club who received six tyres and a battery charger as part of an ongoing support arrangement.

Competitors, who partake in rallies, trials, and speed hill climbs, celebrated the success of their fellow members and in particular Mark Hoppé from Sherborne who received the Field Trophy as winner of the car trials championship along with the Autotechnics, Golden Springs and Crewkerne Trial trophies for victories on individual events.

Weymouth drivers Andy Webb and Alastair Stevenson took third in the trials championship and first in the Silver League Car Trials championship respectively.

Having previously won national championships, Mark Hoppé's trialling prowess is well known, but he also claimed second position in the autotest championship behind Paul Coleman, who claimed the Jonathan Mears Trophy, as well the award for best beginner navigator in the club's series of navigational challenge events.

Success across the different motor sporting disciplines offered by the South-Dorset based club saw Hoppé collect the prestigious Victor Ludorum Award as a reward for competing in a number of different types of events against over two hundred other drivers who qualified.

Sarah Kirby emerged as the most talented young driver winning the award for the Best Junior driver in trials for four wheel drive vehicles as well as the Roscoe Engineering Trophy as the winner of the Junior Victor Ludorum Championship for drivers under twenty three years of age.

Sarah's trophy haul grew even further when she received the Joyce Elizabeth Weaver Cup for the Best Lady Competitor.

The club's trials championship for four-wheel drive machinery was won by Gary Morris who received the Misubishi Trophy with John Kirby claiming the CCV class (The Hogcliff Trophy) and Simon Webb taking the RTV division (50th Anniversary Trophy).

Bridport's Bob Blackstock claimed first place in the drivers division of the Navgitional Challenge series with Rob Rhodes receiving a similar accolade in the navigator's competition, in addition to the Rod Purkiss Trophy to acknowledge his feat in winning the championship at the conclusion of his first season in the expert category.



◆ **TROPHIES REWARD SUCCESS: Standing from the left: Simon Webb, Alastair Stevenson, Bob Blackstock, Rob Rhodes, Mark Hoppé and Andrew Forsyth. Seated: Sarah Kirby, Gary Morris and John Kirby.**
Photo by STAFFORD ASSOCIATES

Andrew Forsyth received the Silver Jubilee Trophy as winner of the club's speed series for those competing in hill-climbs and sprints.

Having only been beaten on one occasion in his Suzuki powered Westfield the Shillingstone driver has also claimed third in the Wiscombe Park Hill-climb Championship and fifth in the Bridge Tyres and Wheels Association of South West Motor Clubs Hillclimb championship.

The Carpenter Shield, an award made to non-competing members for the person who marshalled at most events, was won by Sharon Kirby whilst husband John was awarded the Chairman's Trophy for his work on behalf of the club.

Following 10 years in the post of competition secretary Dave Hiscock received the Motor Sports Association Silver Salver is recognition of his service.

Table Tennis

First victory for Colliton C

AFTER beating Budmouth A last week, Budmouth B continued their unbeaten season with a comprehensive 30-2 win over Springfield B to remain top of **Division One**.

Although Budmouth A remain in second spot after beating YMCA 30-7, the third maximum of the week secured by Park District in their 30-3 victory over Preston B keeps them within striking distance of top spot, with a game in hand.

The other match in Division One this week saw Red Triangle claim their third win of the season with a 24-14 win over Budmouth C.

The top match in **Division Two** was a cracking match between leaders Shipton Gorge B and All Saints who took the honours 23-17 to close the gap at the top and with a game in hand. Springfield C remain fourth despite losing heavily, 8-26, to Preston A. Alec Brown secured a maximum for Preston with Steve Rook scoring seven of Springfield's points.

Three maximums from Tim Scott, Alun Chapple and Paul Beeston gave Pilgrims A a convincing 30-4 win over Preston C.

In a more closely fought match Colliton C managed their maiden win of the season in beating Wyke D 20-17. Colliton's Mark Whittingham was the only player to score the full nine points.

In **Division Three**, Mike Hall was the only STEPS player not to score the full nine points as they beat Wey Valley School 29-8.

In a week for teams scoring heavily, Springfield D continued this trend with a 30-7 win over Wey Valley TC, whilst the young lads of Budmouth D secured a close victory over Pilgrims B 22-18.

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Bowls

Unbeaten recorded ended

BRIDPORT had a cliffhanger finish against previously unbeaten BOURNEMOUTH in the County Mixed League before winning 90-89 overall.

At home Lyn and Mike Craddock, Pat Cowmeadow & Phil Hedges won 18-13, but Pam Gray, David Aylott, Jan Tattershall & Roger Cowmeadow were well beaten 14-35.

However, the away rinks were in magnificent form with Barbara and Brian Iversen, and Joan & Mel Griffiths winning 28-17 and Erica Sarson, Barry Mapson and Barbara & Keith Jenkins finishing with a six to triumph 30-24, this earned Bridport the vital eight extra points for an overall win.

Bridport Ladies B picked up seven of the eight available points against DORCHESTER C in the County League Division Two.

Nova Varney, Barbara Jenkins, Rose Wilton & Joan Griffiths drew17-17, with Sylvia Fletcher, Erica Sarson, Anne Parkins and Janet Tattershall securing the extra points for the overall win as they came from 0-8 down to triumph 22-13.

Bridport's A maintained their challenge for honours in the County over 60s League picking up four of the six points at home to bottom side BOURNEMOUTH.

Chris Everest was on great form at lead with Mel Griffiths & Ken Sanger but they lost narrowly. However, Brian Baker, captain Phil Hedges & Mike Fletcher destroyed their opponents to secure the extra points for overall 33-25 win.

AXMINSTER

THE Ladies were unlucky to lose their recent County Lanes match against MID DEVON 65-71.

The home rink of Angela Rattenbury, Janet Parsons & Judith Moffitt won by just two shots whilst the other home rink of Brenda Edwards, Alison Glyde, & Margaret Crompton and the away rink of Sue Bond, Philippa White & Ann Clayton both lost by just two shots. The other away rink of Jo Barnish, Gill Campbell & Jean Kesterton lost by four shots.

In the mixed friendlies we had mixed results. First we lost 55-67 at MADEIRA with only Brian Smith, Anne Burn, Neil Solomon & Bob Sherborne managing a win (22-18).

Next we beat TAUNTON BC 71-54 at home with wins for John Packham, Barbara Mowatt, Nigel Bond & Budgie Hallowes (31-18) and Morrison Brown, Chelsea Maher, Ann Clayton & Les Clark (23-17). Lastly we lost 41-59 at home to DONYATT losing on all rinks.

In the **National KO competitions** James Windsor got through to the second round of the Under 18s with a splendid win at Yeovil against Jamie Day by two sets to nil (21-0) and (19-3).

At senior level our mixed fours side of Phil White, John Hill, David Harris & Ann Clayton got through the first round with a good win at Dorchester but lost at Moonfleet (Weymouth) in the second.

Likewise in the mixed pairs Phil White & David Harris won at home in the first round but lost away to a Dorchester pair in the second.

Youth cricket

Ladies make Beer battle

THE indoor cricket season continued at the Osprey Centre with a thrilling and captivating encounter between Weymouth Ladies and Bere Regis.

Bere Regis 111-2 beat
Weymouth Ladies 87-5 by 24 runs.

BERE were made to battle all the way by a rapidly improving Weymouth Ladies side who made them fight for every run and every wicket.

Batting first Bere got off to a steady start against some accurate bowling from the ladies reaching 40 runs off the first four overs.

Tom M (10) lost his wicket to a well executed run out as the ladies emphasised their rapid improvement in the field, and shortly after another athletic pick up and throw resulted in Nat Hobbs returning to the pavilion.

With the Ladies producing an excellent all round display Bere despite good knocks of 28 from Ollie Mayo and 25 from Harry Green were restricted to a moderate 111-2 in their allotted overs.

Bere came out all guns blazing and quickly had the dangerous Issy Gilliver (3) returning to the pavilion via a superb catch from Harry Green off the wall. Holly Damien followed with out troubling the scorers caught by Rowan McPhearson off the bowling of Oliie Mayo (3-0-19-2).

When the impressive Mayo (3-0-21-2) cleaned bowled Donna Butcher for 2 it looked like the game was heading for a swift conclusion.

The Ladies fought back and fine well judged innings from Jo Hayson (24) and Jo Stuttle (23*) kept them in with a shout.

Bere kept it tight in the field and despite a sterling effort from the ladies did just enough to edge the game.

League coordinator Grant Neven was equally impressed with both teams and added: "Both clubs can be proud of their efforts, all the players gave their all and throughout the game displayed the highest standard of sportsmanship."

A view on the Bees

WITH STUART BROOM

Bees inspired by four-goal Symes

Bridport 5 Willand Rovers 3

Toolstation Premier – att: 90

AFTER a frustrating start to the season which saw the Bees unable to win one of their eight home games at St Mary's Field, they secured their second win in a row on Saturday when they comprehensively beat Willand Rovers, a side they have already lost to twice this season.

After thumping Chipping Sodbury 4-0 last week, they followed up with another five goals with Braeden Symes almost doubling his goal tally for the season as he netted four times.

In both the previous games against the Devon side, Bridport have taken the lead, but failed to capitalise on it, so when the visitors took the lead just two minutes in, they might have feared the worst.

Both Alan Hill and captain Ryan Hayter slipped on the tricky surface as they tried to cut out a pass which bobbled into the path of the chasing Mike Williams who was left with an easy task.

However, Bridport responded by dominating the first half and Symes, Leigh Bailey and Dan Peach all had efforts saved by Rovers keeper Dan Law.

Midway through the half Ed Butcher skipped down the right before delivering the perfect cross. Mark Salter couldn't quite reach it but it fell for Symes to bury his shot from eight yards.

Bailey rattled the crossbar three minutes later, before Ryan Guppy almost put through his own goal as Bridport looked to capitalise on their good play.

However they failed to add to their tally before the break, and were set back on their heels almost immediately after the restart when Willand taking advantage of a slow start by the Bees and Connor Rush restored the lead after some neat play on the edge of the Bees box..

The supporters must have been thinking it was a case of déjà vu, but Bridport once again clicked into action, and Symes once again struck to level on 50 minutes collecting a flick on from Salter to run through and fire home from 15 yards.

Jason Hutchings had to be alert when in a rare Willand attack he did well to hold a low shot, before Bridport ensured victory with three goals in nine minutes.

Symes completed his hat trick on 64 minutes converting Andy Martin's free kick at the far post, before Butcher cut inside his marker on the right before beating Law at his near post.

Symes completed his best game so far for Bridport by adding his fourth and Bridport's fifth on 73 minutes. His first effort following initial good work by Butcher was blocked by Law, but he fired home the rebound.

Willand tried to respond, and although Joe Curtis pulled one with a free kick that deflected off the wall and wrong footed Hutchings before deflecting in off Bailey, they were a well beaten side.

A delighted Bees boss Adam Fricker said: "It was a very good game, and I think 5-3 flattered them a little bit to be fair; they scored late on but I was pleased from our perspective.

"We ran them close on in the other two games and knew a lot about them and set up accordingly, and thoroughly deserved it.

"They came out quite strong after the break and we weren't quite at it, and they scored, but again we bounced straight back, and went on from strength to strength after that."

Remarking on Symes display and his four goals he added: "I was very pleased for Braeden. He is only a young lad and he is going to have his ups and downs but one thing about him is he is quality on the ball, and he took his chances really well."

Whilst the win didn't see Bridport move up the table; they are still 16th; they are now are now eight points clear of the bottom four with games in hand, and more importantly just a point off eight teams separated by seven points up to Cribbs in eighth spot, again with games in hand on most of them.

Fricker said: "From us up to the top eight it's very tight, so we need to put a few more points on the board to really cement ourselves in midtable."

Bridport's next two games are both away; to fifth placed BRADFORD TOWN on Saturday, and STREET who are third on Boxing Day, but Fricker was unfazed: "I don't think there are any easy games in this division, and whether they are at the top or bottom we approach it in the same manner.

"It will be tough going to both, but confidence is high."

Adam Barrett and Elliott Mann will both be out until the New Year, although Ben Haines will be back after suspension, and James Regan is available again.

***Bridport**: Jason Hutchings, Andy Martin, Leigh Bailey, Alan Hill, Matt Condliffe, Ryan Hayter, Dan Peach, Braeden Symes (Gary Bulman 77), Mark Salter, Oscar Latas (Louis Rutter 66), Ed Butcher.*

Unused sub; Adam Fricker.

Hunter shoots down Zebras

SHERBORNE TOWN RESERVES 0
BRIDPORT RESERVES 3

AFTER last week's morale boosting win, Bridport Reserves went into this match at Raleigh Grove hoping to make it two on the trot, although missing suspended captain Dan Peart, and with no recognised keeper to replace the unavailable Kieron Park, it appeared a big task.

However assistant manager Simon Gale borrowed a pair of his manager's old gloves to take over between the sticks whilst boss Shaun Annetts gave a debut to young Kieran Mulhall at left back, whilst the Zebras included former Bees keeper Mark Cuff amongst their ranks

Both sides are struggling towards the bottom of the Dorset Premier League, and after an opening 15 minutes with both sides cancelling each other out, Bridport began to impose themselves on the game and took the lead with an excellent goal from Ali Kamara.

Cuff who had already made a couple of smart saves did well to block Josh Hunter's initial shot but it rebounded to Kamara who curled it back over the goalie before he could recover with the outside of his right foot.

The Bees continued to play some nice football after the halftime resumption on a difficult pitch, and they increased their lead with a good team goal that started from the edge of their own penalty area. The ball was played through the midfield pairing of Alfie Ward and Callum Middleton, who are forming a good partnership, to Kamara who had made a good run in behind the left back. He delivered a superb first time lofted ball over the central defender to Hunter who had made a great run, and he beat the advancing Cuff.

Soon after Hunter added his second and Bridport's third from the penalty spot after a defender had brought Josh Hull down inside the box.

Annetts said: "The pleasing thing for me is how well we defended. We had a new central pairing od Nathan Storey (18) and Jake Mansley (17) and they did extremely well, as did everyone; it was a top, top performance.

"I'm extremely pleased and proud of the players and it has given them a lot of confidence.

Those young lads have gone through a very tough period. We've had some tough games, and tough results, but they've remained positive, and their attitude to me and in training has been exceptional.

"It was a better performance than the Cranborne game in my view, against a better team in Sherborne., and it was alocal derby. We're not getting carried away it was against two teams that are struggling like us, but I'm pleased for the players for all their hard work over recent weeks and to enjoy it."

The Bees boss was also full of praise for his assistant Gale who stood in as goalkeeper. "It was a choice between Simon and me."

The former goalkeeper said: "He was prepared to do it, so I gave him a pair of my gloves and he did exceptionally well. He wasn't overworked, but he dealt with crosses and back passes extremely well, and I was delighted with his performance, as well as being grateful!"

Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club

WITH PETER CROWTER

Trio of captains trot to victory

THERE were 60 entrants for the men's Sunday competition which was The Turkey Trot, a Texas Scramble off a shotgun start.

The morning started off foggy but brightened up as time went on. The winning team was a trio of captains; Phil Winton (2017 capt), Ian Kearley (2016 capt) & Terry Kearley (father of Ian, and ex-captain) scoring 59.

In second place with 60.2 were Nick Jones, Nigel Challis & Geoff Joy. Taking the third place with 61.4 was the team of Lewis Craddock, Pat Hart & Doug Miners.

It was a pretty miserable morning weatherwise for the VETERANS Thursday competition which was the second round of the Winter Shield Stableford.

There was a good turnout of 60 entrants and some good scores turned in by many of the players, especially in Division One. From that division Marcus Beresford emerged as the star of the day with an excellent 42 points. Richard Fox was runner-up with 39 and P.J. Huggins third with 38.

Brian Osborne headed Division Two scoring 38 points and then came Brian Austin and Alan Bentley, both with 36. *You don't expect a Bentley to be overtaken by an Austin but on this occasion he was, after count-back!*

Tuesday and Saturday saw LADIES playing either the last EG Medal of 2016 or a qualifying Stableford.

Nicky Stone played out of her skin to gain a one point reduction in her handicap.

Scores; Division One -1st Nicky Stone 77-7=70, 2nd Marion Hurley 90-18=72.

Division Two- 1st Jane White 104-29=75, 2nd Di Stothard 100-25=75.

Division Three - 1st Pauline Mackie 107-32=75, 2nd Sandra March 110-34=76.

A Stableford played on both days resulted in a win for

Wendy Newton with 29 points while Carole Hedley was second with 25.

Meanwhile, Nicky Stone, Carole Brown, Sally Woolmington & Liz Walker are through to the third round of the **County Legg Bowl** after defeating last years winners BROADSTONE.

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	9	17
BSC	8	13
Well Hung Clocks	8	11
Nomads	8	11
Five Sticky Fingers	9	10
Hands of Time	9	8
Nags Head A	9	5
Noth'n But Treble	9	5
Les Miserables	8	5
Rubber Johns	9	1

180s; Tony Young & Terry Prowse x5, Nigel Lamb x4, Steve Garrett & Ryan Cross x3, Five players x2, 10 players x1.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Young Darters	9	15
One for the Vikings	9	13
Odds or Us	9	12
The Stingers	8	10
Respect-de-Bull	8	10
Elders	9	9
Dat Team	8	5
Otter Rotters	9	4
No Direction	8	4
Anchor Five	9	4

180s; Ashley Parker, Shane Parker, Dan Rawlings, Andy Reid & Stuart Alner all x2, 10 players x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Mis Fits	9	17
Poachers	9	15
Dart Vaders	9	12
The Surgeons	9	10
Midnight Runners	9	8
Anchor Vale Viewers	9	8
Tiger Bees	9	7
Flashes Fives	9	6
Royal Hawks	9	6
Time Bombs	9	1

180s; Paul Gumbrill x2, Len Challis, Ash Hawker, S.Bowditch, P.Rowley, Howard Sellick & Danny Sorrell all x1.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Dodgers	9	15
No Chance	9	13
Wicked Team Name	9	13
The Nameless	9	11
Whamo	9	10
-1-11	9	10
Odds & Sods	9	7
Sorted Odds	9	6
Hopeful Bashers	9	5
The Royal Nuts	9	0

180s; Andy Page, T.Bird, Micky Brock, Billy Hallett & Roly Steer all x1.

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	12	22
Queens Bees	11	21
Arrows Awry	11	17
Queenies of the Club	12	15
Sue's Rebels	12	14
Odd One Out	11	14
Clocking On	11	13
Castaways	12	11
Charlie's Angels	11	8
Good Mates	11	7
Against the Odds	11	6
Don's Damsels	11	4
Tiger Stripes	11	3
Drunking Aware	11	3

180s; Janet Collins, Sue Brock, Liz Vowells & Kate Loasby all x1.

Dorch Snooker

Tight at the top

RESULTS; WDC Team Shaky 4 Purbeck Potters 2, Colliton XQ 2016 6 Trinity M 3, WDC Whipping Boys 3 WDC YYMFDT 5, Colliton Hopefuls 2 West Dorset Club A 4.

◆ *Corrected result from Week 9: Colliton Hopefuls 2 Trinity M 5.*

Top Breaks; A.Page 28. **Top Break of the Season**; Ollie Lewis 53.

Team Open Knock Out Cup – Semi-final draw; Colliton XQ 2016 v WD Club A (Mon, Jan 30th at Trinity Club), WDC YYMFDT v Trinity M (Tues, Jan 31st at Colliton Club).

Rearranged matches; WDC YYMFDT v Colliton Hopefuls (Dec 20th), West Dorset Club A v Colliton Hopefuls (Jan 5th).

Table	Pld	Pts
West Dorset Club A	9	40
WDC Team Shaky	10	37
Trinity M	10	37
Colliton XQ2016	9	36
Purbeck Potters	10	34
Colliton Hopefuls	7	30
WDC YYMFDT	9	27
WDC Whipping Boys	10	20

Table Tennis

Blow for Shipton title hopes

WEYMOUTH & District Tennis Tennis League Division Two table toppers Shipton Gorge B were the only Shipton team to play this week but lost out to second placed All Saints 17-23; the victors' Andy Millar being the difference between the two teams with a nine point maximum.

Even where scores look a bit one-sided, most points were competitively and lengthily contested, usually at high speed. The highlight was the match between Miller and Brian Cammell which Miller took 12-10 in the fifth.

Shipton came back from the dead in the doubles to win 3-2 having been two sets down and 0-6 in the fifth before winning that set 11-6.

Full results, tables and averages can be found at www.ttleague.co.uk

Lyme Regis Golf

King George edges win

DESPITE the relatively benign conditions there were no wonderful scores in the DECEMBER MEDAL.

In Division One George Skellern played some vintage golf, barely putting a foot wrong as he carded the winning score of a nett 70.

Andrew Dawe, adjusting to his lowering handicap (6), played some superb golf but just let it slip on the last two holes and ended up with a nett 70 to come second on countback with Richard Jackman in third on countback with a nett 72.

Division One was won by Steve Piper as he composed himself for a solid round including birdies on two of the par 3s to card a nett 70.

Owen Bosence really came good on the back nine to finish second with a nett 71, while the ever steady David Binns came third with a nett 72.

The seniors held their Christmas lunch shotgun competition and there was a good turnout as there was for the social golf.

Bridport & District Table Skittles

Division A	Pd	Pts	BL
Jesters	10	38	7
Crown Duels	10	37	6
What's The Odds	9	29	9
Hopeless Anchor	10	29	6
What an Anchor	10	27	7
Fred's Heros	10	25	4
Ria Gunners	10	23	5
Odds Against	10	23	3
No Hopers	9	17	3
The Devils	10	17	3
Muck' Fuddlers	9	14	4
Fishermans F'nds	9	11	2

Division B	Pd	Pts	BL
Consorts	10	36	5
Five Alive	10	30	5
Bell Ends	10	30	4
Baggies Boys	8	28	6
Hit and Hope	10	28	7
Slingers	10	24	8
George Gormets	10	22	6
About Time	10	22	3
Little Nibblers	9	21	6
Mel's Men	9	19	4
Stickups	10	17	1
Has Beens	10	13	3

Lyme Regis Cribbage

Results (*December 5th*); Dolphin 0 New Inn Kilm A 5, Charlie's Angels 3 Nags Head 2, Ship Inn LR 4 Stepps 1, Lamb Swans 2 Gerrard Arms 3, Ax Con Club 3 New Inn Kilm B 2.

Beer League; Dolphin 2 New Inn Kilm A 1, Charlie's Angels 1 Nags Head 2, Ship Inn LR 0 Stepps 3, Lamb Swans 2 Gerrard Arms 1, Ax Con Club 3 New Inn Kilm B 0.

Fixtures (Dec 19th); Talbot Arms v Ship Inn LR, Gerrard Arms v New Inn A, Lamb Swans v Nags Head, New Kilm B v Charlie's Angels, Axminster Con Club v Dolphin Beer.

Table	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	12	39
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	11	32
Gerrard Arms	12	32
New Inn Kilm A	12	32
Axminster Con Club	12	31
Ship Inn, LR	12	30
Dolphin, Beer	12	29
Lamb Swans	12	28
Charlie's Angels	12	27
Stepps	12	27
New Inn Kilm B	11	18

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	12	23
New Inn Kilm B	11	20
Stepps	12	20
Charlie's Angels	12	20
Lamb Swans	12	19
Gerrard Arms	12	17
Ship Inn, LR	12	17
Axminster Con Club	12	16
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	11	15
Dolphin, Beer	12	14
New Inn Kilm A	12	14

Bridport Crib

Table	Pd	Pts	BL
Anchor Inn	7	61	11
Durbeyfield	7	61	10
George, WBay	7	49	12
H & Anchor B	7	49	7
Crown Inn B	6	46	8
Oddfellows	7	45	8
Crown Inn A	6	44	9
H & Anchor A	6	44	7
Ilchester Arms	5	36	9

Lyme darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	6	12
Nags Head A	6	12
Royal Standard	7	10
Rock Point A	4	8
Four Play	6	7
Clockadoodledoo	4	6
Talbot Arms	5	6
Hunters Lodge	4	3
Nags Z	4	3
Half an Octopus	8	2
Janners	7	2
Cobb Arms	6	1
See you Next Thurs	5	0

180s: B.Grainger x2, six players x1.

School Sports - Cross Country

Colfox boys sprint to year 8-9 County title



◆ **TOP TEAM:** Colfox Year 8-9 Boys with Robin Goodfellow of sponsors CHG (left) and Headteacher David Herbert after winning the team title at the recent Dorset Schools Cross Country Championships.

West Dorset Hockey Club

Hawks win scrappy affair

West Dorset Hawks 2
ECV Hornets A 1
Southern League Two

HAVING slipped into the bottom four relegation places last week, this game against fellow strugglers ECV Hornets A was a must win match.

The Hawks were fired up to do well in their last match of the year, and for the first 15 minutes everything went perfectly for the hosts.

Lots of movement from all the team and crisp, accurate passing saw them take control of the game, ending with Hornets conceding a short corner and a sharp shot from Dan Wyatt to put the Hawks in the lead.

In the second quarter West Dorset lost their shape a little and Hornets pushed hard, but determined defending from sweeper Robin Goodfellow and great keeping from Alex Drew kept them at bay.

In the second half West Dorset regained their composure and shape and after winning another short corner, Dan Wyatt with a lightning fast ball, rattled the back board for a second goal.

The Hornets didn't give up though and continued to push for something out the game, and were rewarded by getting a goal back. However West Dorset hung on and were happy to take a scrappy 2-1 win.

Current Table	Pld	Pts
Plymouth Uni A	11	27
Chard	11	25
Penzance	10	25
Camborne SoM	10	22
Bude	11	19
Bridgwater A	11	16
WEST DORSET	11	14
ECV Hornets A	11	12
Caradon	11	11
PGSOB A	11	9
Taunton Vale C	11	7
Devonport Services	11	0



◆ **WELL DONE:** Euan Pollock who helped TSJCA Year 8/9 to the team title, receives his individual champion's award from Robin Goodfellow of sponsors CHG

Bridport Rugby

BY ANDREW LIVINGSTON

Second placed Blues aim to scupper Dockers

Oakmedians 2nds 5
Bridport 24
Dorset & Wilts Two (South)

BRIDPORT picked up their fourth straight victory by winning 24–5 away at the Oakmeadian Seconds.

A late try in the first half from Gareth Thomson and the addition dot downs from Harry Richardson, Mitch Waters and Nathan Herbert secured another bonus point triumph for the Blues in the Dorset & Wilts Two South Division.

Travelling with only 15 players, Captain Tom Gamwell was ecstatic to get five points from a game he was just hoping not to concede: "This game showed a turning point for the team, it was brilliant to go away with only 15 players and dominate most areas of the game. Particularly in the set piece."

In the fast half, Bournemouth's overhanging mist stagnated the performance from both teams, causing an opening 30 minutes of deadlock before Thomson went over for his first try in the blue of Bridport.

The prop easily capitalised from the rolling maul which succeeded from a lineout just off the Oakmedian try line ***(see video on our website www.viewnews.co.uk).***

The game opened up in the second half, producing a more fruitful encounter, with four tries for the handful of onlooking spectators.

Man of the match, Bridport's Harry Richardson, also scored his first ever try for the club early in the second half after capitalising on a poor kick and chase from the Oaks. The flanker ran in unopposed from the halfway line under the posts and Waters kicked the additional two points.

Sitting 12 points in front, once again Bridport failed to close out the game as they let the home side in to score their only try and points.

However, the Blues quickly replied with Waters' ninth try of the season as he broke the opposing line 30 metres out, one-on-one with the Oaks fullback he surged past to score.

Herbert quickly followed up with another touchdown in similar fashion to leave Bridport with a bonus point win at full time.

With the brief Christmas break approaching, Bridport will play their final game of 2016 at home to the Ringwood-based DORSET DOCKERS' 2ND XV.

Gamwell said: "I think the key for the Dockers game will be to maintain that strong platform to allow quality ball.

"There is still work to be done at the breakdown and reorganising our defence, but the work rate on display has been excellent and the results are just reward."

Current table	Pld	Pts
New Milton II	10	49
BRIDPORT	10	35
PUDDLETOWN	10	29
Wheatsheaf Cabin	10	27
Salisbury III	10	27
Bournemouth IV	10	26
Ellingham & Ringw II	10	21
Dorset Dockers II	10	15
Oakmeadins II	10	8
DORCHESTER II	10	6
Lytchett Minster II	10	4
North Dorset III	10	0

Skittles news

Lyme Regis

RESULTS from w/e Dec 10th.

Ladies; Wootton Wobblers 286 Skittso's 290 (BL Drawn), La Crème 303 (+BL) Generations 320, Rollercoasters 295 (+BL) Smashers 293, Hot Gossips v Wild Pins TBC.

Men's; President's Men 333 (+BL) Roadrunners 333, Anthill Mob 294 (+BL) Wreckers 313, Young Guns 359 (+BL) Flyers 376, Clueless 340 Marksmen 355 (+BL), No Hopers v Trappers Postponed (alley unavailable).

All Division Two teams - free week.

Men's Div One	Pd	Pts	BL
No Hopers	7	14	12
Marksmen	7	12	10
Flyers	7	10	4
Young Guns	7	6	8
Wreckers	7	6	6
Trappers	6	6	2
Clueless	7	4	2
Anthill Mob	7	2	10
Rousdon Rebels	7	2	8

Men's Div Two	Pd	Pts	BL
Roadrunners	6	11	8
President's Men	6	9	8
Miscellaneous	6	9	4
Alleytwits	6	6	8
Tornadoes	6	4	2
British Legion	6	2	4
Shakers	6	1	6

Ladies	Pd	Pts	BL
Wootton Wobb	6	8	9
Skittso's	5	8	8
Rollercoasters	6	6	8
Smashers	6	6	5
Wild Pins	4	6	5
Hot Gossips	4	4	4
La Crème	5	2	2
Generations	6	2	1

Bridport

CAPTAINS please note that the following have withdrawn from the league ; Division C - **Bulldogs**, Division D - **Bad Girls.**

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipfaced	5	10
Denhay	5	8
Rockets	5	8
Rough Eight	5	8
Masters	5	6
Rejects	5	6
Broadoak	5	4
Wanderers	5	4
Nelson Nobblers	5	2
Slingers	5	2
U Know the Blokes	5	2
Lively Lads	5	0

Division B	Pld	Pts
Miss the Ball	5	10
Countrymen	4	6
The Dingles	5	5
Outsiders	4	5
Bangers	5	4
Castouts	5	4
Dingbats	4	4
Lost in Time	4	4
Survivors	5	4
Aussies Lot	5	2
Originals	4	2

Division C	Pld	Pts
Gerryatrics	5	10
NBC	5	10
LHS	5	8
Wickers	5	8
Brandy Snaps	5	6
Pioneers	5	6
Groundhogs	4	2
Stingers	5	2
Unknowns	5	2
Whiskey Chasers	5	2
Yo Yo's	5	2
Bulldogs	3	0

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alcoholics	5	10
Alleycats	5	8
Featherbeds	5	8
Strawpeedoes	5	8
Let em Roll	5	6
BFC	5	4
Firebirds	5	4
Offcuts	5	4
Bad Girls	5	2
Hidden Talent	4	2
Pinbashers	4	2

Highest individual score; E.Tuck (Unknowns) 88.
Highest individual Ladies; S.Luter (Yo Yo's) 86.



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INSIDE: Comprehensive sport round-up

Yetton catalyst to Terras' Trophy survival



Whitehawk 2 Weymouth 2
FA Trophy Round One – att; 253

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WEYMOUTH'S inconsistent form continued as they salvaged an FA Trophy round one replay against National League South side Whitehawk on Saturday.

Despite failing to find any sort of positive form this season that leaves them in the lower reaches of the Evo-Stik South Premier Division, they have been able to lift their game in the FA Trophy, and after dumping Poole Town out of the competition following a replay in the last round, they have once again held higher opposition with a late penalty.

It appeared that their run had come to an end as they rightly trailed going into the final minutes, but they were handed a lifeline with just three minutes .

Hawks keeper Adri Munoz, signed as emergency cover earlier in the week to cover a goalkeeping crisis, lost out in a chase to claim a through ball with Stewart Yetton inside the box, and brought the striker down. Chris Shephard confidently fired home the spot kick to earn the Terras a replay at the Bob Lucas Stadium last night (Tuesday).

Whitehawk started at a pace and Jake Wanell was called upon to block two early efforts, the second a goalbound shot from Mike West.

However he was powerless to stop West giving the hosts the lead on 12 minutes when he curled a superb effort into the top corner of Jason Matthews' net.

With the Terras on the ropes they went looking for a second and after Javier Favarel had fired over, Danny Mills lobbed the outrushing Matthews as he broke through, but it went wide of goal.

Weymouth's first real effort on goal saw Charlie Davis' shot deflected wide, before Matthews thwarted Mills with a great save from eight yards.

Weymouth continued under the cosh for the remainder of the first half, and were grateful to go in at the break only one down.

The onslaught continued in the second half as Hawks continued their barrage of Matthews' goal, but Weymouth dug in and survived.

The introduction of Yetton with ten minutes left appeared to be the catalyst from which Weymouth turned the game around, and within moments of his arrival Davis pounced to fire in an equaliser.

However the lead was short lived as straight from the kick-off the hosts swept through the Weymouth defence for Mills to put them back in front again.

Credit to the Terras that they did not let their heads drop, and they drove on looking for an equaliser, and it was Yetton's desire to chase the through ball that brought the penalty chance.

If nothing it proves that no matter how much you dominate a game, it's goals that count, and Weymouth live to fight another day.

The eventual winner of the tie will host either DULWICH HAMLET or ROYSTON TOWN in round two.

Second half collapse hits Seasiders hard

Weymouth & Portland 38
North Dorset 2nd 40

IT looked that Weymouth & Portland were cruising to victory on Saturday as they led North Dorset 2nds 31-5 at halftime in this Dorset & Wilts Division One South game.

The Seasiders appeared to have recovered from the disappointment of last week's Vase final defeat, as they swept their lower placed opponents aside scoring five tries.

However if a game could ever be described as one of two halves, this was it!

Two tries from Dan Bowditch, and one apiece for JT Moncher, Norton Rogers and Joe Gibson, plus three conversions from appeared to put Weymouth & Portland in the driving seat, but late in the half the visitors began to show signs that they were far from beaten and so it proved.

After the break North Dorset stopped the errors for which the Seasiders had punished them for, and ran in four converted tries in quick succession.

They were then awarded a penalty try when a home forward was penalised for a high tackle as a North Dorset forward was about to cross the try line. This resulted in a yellow card for the perpetrator the hosts being reduced to 14 men for 10 minutes.

Despite being a man down, the Seasiders managed not to concede again, and when back at full strength the forwards drove them back allowing Bowditch to touch down to complete his hat trick from which Llewellyn converted.

However they failed to add to the total leaving Bowditch despite scoring a hat trick, on the losing side.

Team manager Vaughan Carter said: "I detected that something wasn't right before the game; there was a strange atmosphere around the club.

"I know that we had to make changes after losing so many players to injury following last week's vase final, but this was something different.

"Whether it's because we are playing Dorchester next week and some of the lads were focusing on that game I don't know.

"In fact I was surprised that we were leading by such a big margin at half time, but they had former Dorchester and Dorset & Wilts hooker Richard Miller in their side, and his influence in the second half won them the game despite the number of miles he has on the clock."



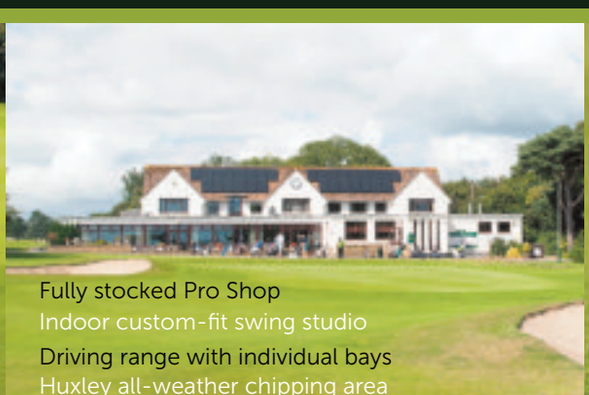
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